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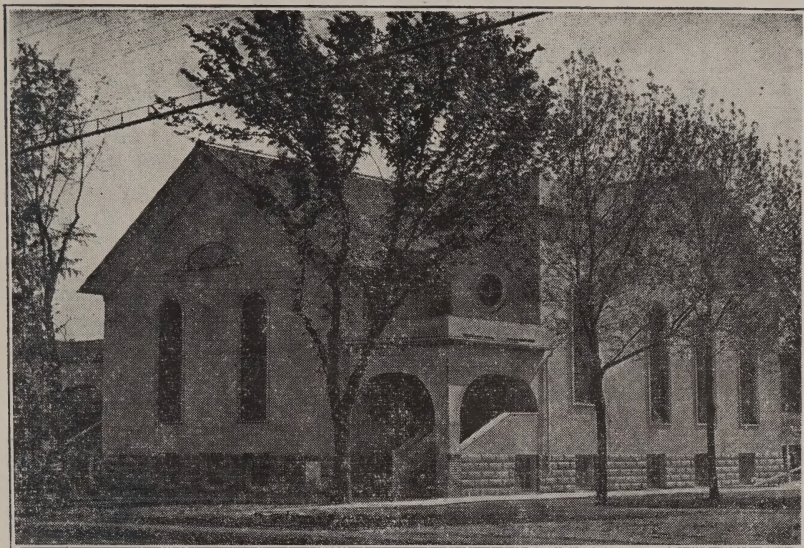
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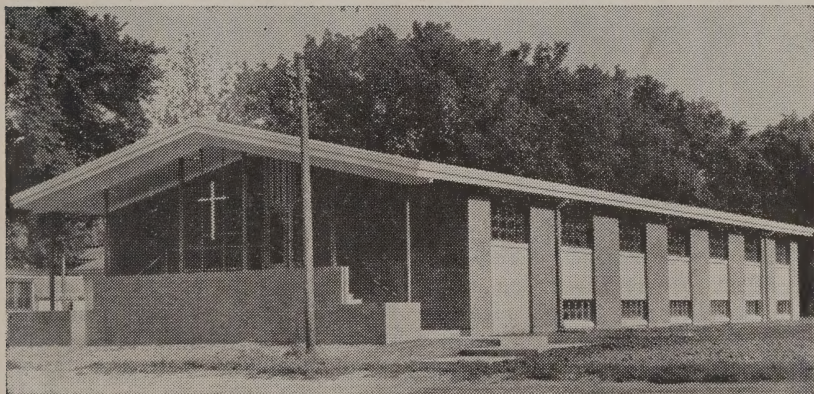
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Garst Memorial Hall, New Educational Building

CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

Friday, July 5, 1957, 7:30 P.M.

Speaker, Rev. Albert N. Gray, Falls City, Nebr.

Saturday, July 6, 1957

Musical Program at 3:00 p.m.

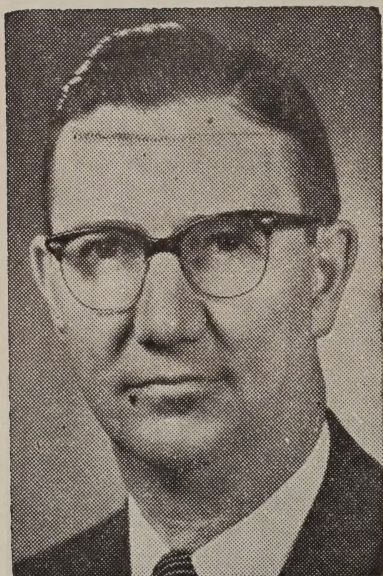
Snack Bar and Reminiscent Period.

Sunday, July 7, 1957

Church School, 9:30 a.m. Centennial Service, 10:30 a.m.

Speaker, Dr. C. Orville Strohl, President Southwestern
College of Winfield, Kansas

Basket Dinner at Noon at Garst Memorial Hall



DR. C. ORVILLE STROHL, president of Southwestern College of Winfield, Kans., speaker at the Sunday morning Centennial service. Dr. Strohl served Methodist churches in Iowa for ten years before entering college work at Iowa Wesleyan College in 1943. He became president of Southwestern College Jan. 1, 1954.



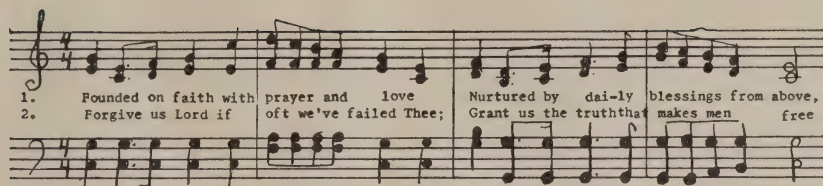
REV. ALBERT GRAY, pastor of the First Methodist church of Falls City, Nebr., guest speaker at the Friday evening Centennial service. Son of the late Dr. A. N. Gray and Mrs. Gray, faithful members of the Burlington Methodist church for many years, he is the only member of this church to enter the ministry.

The Christian Century

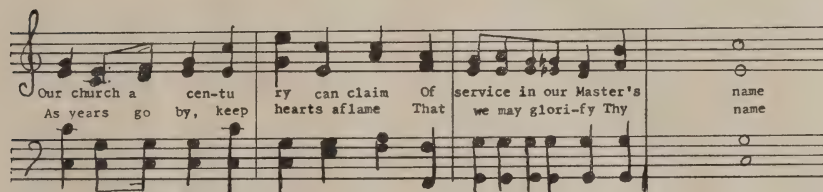
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METHODIST CHURCH CENTENNIAL
Burlington, Kansas, 1957

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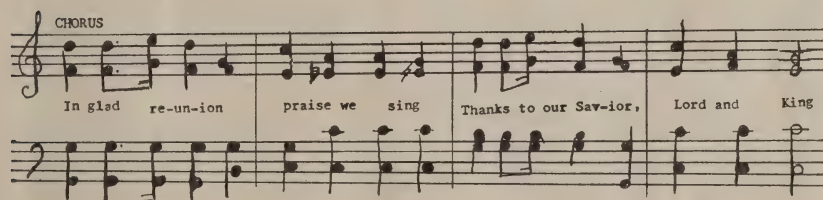
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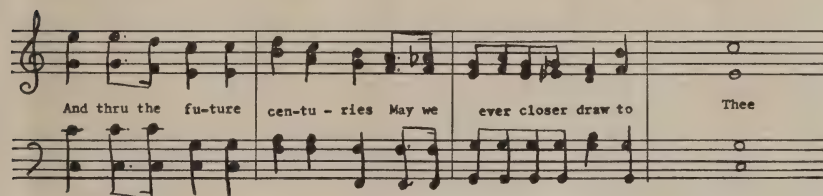
1. Founded on faith with prayer and love Nurtured by dai-ly blessings from above,
2. Forgive us Lord if oft we've failed Thee; Grant us the truth that makes men free



Our church a cen-tu ry can claim Of service in our Master's name
As years go by, keep hearts aflame That we may glori-fy Thy name



CHORUS
In glad re-un-ion praise we sing Thanks to our Sav-ior, Lord and King



And thru the fu-ture cen-tu - ries May we ever closer draw to Thee

Above is the Theme Song for the Centennial of the Burlington Methodist church. It was written for the Centennial by Mrs. Annafred Avery and Mrs. Berva Harvey and the music for the song was written by Mrs. Enid Wiley.

The Christian Century

The earliest recorded history of the First Methodist church of Burlington was written by Rev. W. H. Chaffee who held the pastorate from 1879 to 1882. It is given here with a few additions that have been found in secular history, and old newspapers.

It is well to pause occasionally and write a little history. One has said: "The Americans have been too busy at creating history to give due attention to writing it." Whether that has been true of the Methodist Episcopal church in Burlington, I cannot say; but to my knowledge no attempt has been made at writing its history. As it has just this spring passed its majority, having been on the Conference reports for 21 years, I thought it time a few scraps of its history should be gathered up. There may be some errors here, as in a few matters I am compelled to rely on the memory of some of the early settlers, but the main facts are facts of record.

Burlington has been a preaching point for the Methodists since 1857, but until 1860 was connected with Ottumwa, and the circuit bore that name, so that in reality it is now 24 years old. The first religious service ever held here, was held July 7, 1857, by R. Mowry, an exhorter of the M. E. church. The meeting was held in one of the rooms of the old Burlington House, later known as the Central hotel, owned by Mrs Wilhelmina Husa, a widow, with two children, Oscar Husa (father of John Husa) and Ada Husa, whose

married name was Mrs Frank Wortman and who became the mother of Fred and Guy Wortman. The building was in process of erection, and there were only two other buildings on the town-site. The floor of the building was not in, and Mr Mowry says he thinks the roof was not on; boards were laid on the sleepers; nail kegs with boards laid on them served for seats; an empty barrel with a board on the top was the pulpit, and here the first settlers met on that day to worship God. This room later became a bar room of the hotel.

Soon after this, Rev. M. Fenimore came and organized the first class with seven members. The Charter members were: James White (father of Mrs E. A. (Elizabeth) Hill, Miss Jennie White, Wayne and Clarence White), Mrs Job Throckmorton (mother of Mrs Wm. Scott, Geo. and Charles Throckmorton, Mrs Alice Sweet and Mrs Flora Kammerar) Mr and Mrs A. W. Baker, and Susan Heddens (mother of Lee Heddens). The First Church organization was in July of the same year, Elder L. B. Dennis came and held a quarterly meeting under an elm tree, on the bank of the river, just above the present site of the bridge, and during that summer other meetings were held there by R. Mowry. The latter part of that year, and until the spring of 1858, a Rev. Prather carried on the work, and in 1859 H. H. Johnson.

Burlington was in the Mission

district organized in 1856 by Rev. C. R. Rice, later known and loved as "Father Rice", who had come to Kansas in 1855 when there was no Methodist organization in this part of Kansas, and located at Osawatomie, organizing the Osawatomie Mission which extended from Osawatomie to the Little Osage river. The Neosho Mission extended from Council Grove down the Neosho valley to about the present site of Humboldt.

Rev. Mr Rice preached in all of the settlements along the river including Breckenridge (now Neosho Rapids), Scott Town (now LeRoy), Hampden, Ottumwa and other points. In 1867 he organized the Emporia district and as presiding elder spent two years in Burlington and two in Hartford. At that time the Emporia district extended from Burlington to Wichita and from Council Grove to Chetopa. Rev. Rice spent his declining years at Hartford after 50 years of active service. Dr. Merton Rice was a son. He is remembered by many present day Methodists.

The Sunday School is as old as the church. The Epworth League was organized September 2, 1889. The Junior League, November 30, 1893. The Womans Foreign Missionary Society in 1880, the Womans Home Missionary Society in 1919.

During these years various buildings were used, sometimes vacant store buildings, private houses. A small frame building was erected at the southwest corner of Second and Hudson which served as the Methodist church until 1870. James White

gave the lot for the building. "We thought we were rich when we got into that old church."

Here for some time a conch shell was used to call the people together, serving the purpose of a bell and less expensive. Elder C. R. Rice held on one occasion a quarterly meeting in that place, and coming with his usual promptness at the appointed time, he found no congregation, and proceeded to blow on the conch shell. A brother who happened to be present said he was glad they had a presiding elder "who was able to blow his own horn." In these days of bells this is not so essential. This house was poorly lighted, the ceiling low, and altogether, not desirable as a place of worship; but they continued here until 1871. In 1870 a \$4000.00 church was erected at the northeast corner of Des Moines and Sixth Streets the site of the present church building.

This building was dedicated on January 1, 1871. Rev. C. R. Rice was the presiding elder. This church was remodeled in 1894, during the pastorate of Rev. C. T. Durboraw. The church was turned around and stained glass windows placed, also an addition to the west. This church had an auditorium 35x60 feet and a lecture room 30x35 feet, with a roller partition. All at a cost of \$7000.00.

In 1912, during the pastorate of Rev. C. L. Hovgard, the church was again remodelled. On May 11, 1913, this building was formally dedicated by Bishop W. O. Shepard of Kansas City, Kansas. On the platform,

with the Bishop, and participating in the services were the District Superintendent, Rev. Bascom Robbins, who presided, Rev. W. C. Macurdy of Farmington, Mo., Rev. S. S. Murphy of Baldwin, Kansas, Rev. C. R. Rice of Hartford, Kansas, the Rev. C. L. Hovgard, the pastor and E. W. Barker, chairman of the Board of Stewards, who presented the keys of the church to the pastor, Rev. C. L. Hovgard.

James Lawrence, a blacksmith, was the first class-leader. He later became a Methodist Minister of the Gospel and a member of the Kansas conference. R. Mowry, the pioneer of Burlington Methodism, was a faithful local preacher. On the minutes of the Kansas Conference of the M. E. church, we find the Burlington mission first appears in March, 1860.

The Burlington Methodist church has never been without a pastor and has had 42 resident ministers. Many of these men were outstanding preachers and the charge has furnished numerous elders and district superintendents.

At the beginning of the Burlington mission we find that there were eight appointments, named as follows: Burlington, Wolf creek, Cannons, Crooked creek, Turkey creek, Big creek, Pottawatomie and Laramore's. To reach all these we shall see was no small amount of labor. During that year either some of these were dropped, or new names given to old ones, for we have in addition to those given during that year, Nashville, Long creek and Hall's. The charge

remained a circuit, with several preaching places, until the close of 1869, when, with the beginning of Bro. Hancock's ministry, it became a station. What amount of time the early pastors gave to work here, we cannot tell, but with the number of appointments their time was of necessity much divided; but since 1870 it has had the full-time service of a pastor.

The appropriations to this work by the missionary society during these years have been as follows: 1860, \$100; 1861, \$125; 1862, \$75; 1863, 1864, and 1865, each year \$50.00. Since 1868 there has been no missionary money appropriated here, and the work has been self-supporting—the policy of the missionary society being to make no appropriation further than to cover actual needs, and to put the work on a self-supporting basis as soon as possible. The salaries paid, including missionary receipts, have been as follows: 1860, \$211; 1861, \$221; 1862, \$200; 1863, \$400; 1864, \$330; 1865, \$500; 1866, \$544; 1867, \$640; 1868, \$585; 1869, records imperfect; 1870, 1871 and 1872, each \$1,000; 1873, \$880; 1874, \$722; 1875, \$775; 1876, \$667; 1877, \$660; 1878, \$747, and in 1879, \$800.

Job Throckmorton taught the first public school in 1863, holding the sessions in the Methodist church. He had a large enrollment of pupils varying in age from little children to grown men. Before this time a private school had been taught by a Mrs. Remer.

When Mr and Mrs Peter Remer came to Burlington in May

1857, all work stopped and the men came for miles around to look upon the first white woman ever on the townsite. As Mrs Remer was a school teacher, looking for a school, the men stopped work on the new hotel and put up a house for the Remers and hired her to teach the Burlington school, altho there was not a child at the time, and nearly all the men were single.

In 1865 the churches at Ottumwa and Burlington had a camp meeting in the woods on the Tipton farm north of Burlington. One earnest old worker to help among them was old Aunt Jane, colored, who always prayed "Oh Lord! Save dese pore sinners. Lord shake dem over de brink of hell, but doan let em drap."

Miss Margaret Crail and John H. Bowen were the first bride and groom in Coffey county. The marriage ceremony was preformed at the home of Thomas Bowen near Ottumwa, April 13, 1856 by Rev. Mart Fennimore, a circuit rider, who later organized the church at Burlington. Miss Crail was an aunt of J. C. Crail who now lives in Burlington. The marriage was looked upon as a notable event and was made an occasion for unusual festivities.

Miss Jennie White, daughter of one of the charter members of the church told of an article found in a local paper dated December 1861, of how the preacher was paid his salary in flour and corn. The largest subscription was \$5.00 in flour by Silas Fearl, grandfather of R. C. Fearl; \$3.00 in flour, James White; \$4.00

in lumber, D. P. Metcalf; 60c in corn, Wm. Daugherty; \$1.50 (50 lbs. flour) Wm. Dogherty; \$1.50 (50 lbs. flour) D. H. Hovey; \$2.50 cash, A. Tompkins. These subscriptions were for the support of the preacher of the Burlington Methodist church. Of the six subscriptions only one was in cash. Money, as indicated by this, was about the scarcest thing in the country at this time. These people gave their meager supplies.

In June, 1868, steps were taken to build a parsonage, and the house was built and occupied by J. McQuiston the same year. The location of this parsonage is now the Carl Morris home. This building cost at the time about \$1200.00 when the new church was built on the south side of the creek, the site of the parsonage was found inconvenient, and the property was sold. The beautiful shade trees ornamenting the yard were placed there in 1866 or 1867 by Rev. C. R. Rice and Rev. J. McQuiston.

In 1872 the parsonage was built on Niagara street, during the pastorate of S. E. Pendleton, which is the site of the present Dr. A. N. Gray home. Later the present parsonage at 5th and Niagara was bought from John Kennedy, and has been the home of the Methodist preachers' families since.

In 1868 the Board of Trustees were: Job Throckmorton, James White, C. L. Edwards, Agustin Holland and W. W. Tipton.

On the following pages are listed names of the ministers of the Methodist church of Burlington, with the dates when they ser-

ved and the number of years of service. Where there were events which were recorded they are given under the minister's name, but some have no recorded events so there is only the name and date.

1857—1858, B. C. Bennett, 1 yr.
1858—1859, Rev. Prather, 1 yr.
1859—1860, A. K. Johnson, 1 yr.
1860—1862, M. M. Haun, 2 yrs.

Burlington like most pioneer towns soon had its saloon. At an indignation meeting of citizens, a committee of three was appointed to persuade the saloon keeper to quit business. There were three ministers, one being Rev. Haun of the M. E. church. As the saloon keeper refused to quit Rev. Haun told him he was going to pray for his removal. In about a week the saloon keeper dropped dead.

1862—1863, J. H. Hawley, 1 yr.
1863—1865, J. Travis, 2 yrs.

The church was opened in 1863 for the first public school taught in Burlington by Job Throckmorton. A large school of mixed scholars. Earlier a private school had been taught by Mrs Remer.

1865—1866, J. McAnulty
1866—1868, J. McQuiston, 2 yrs.

Parsonage built at what is now 215 Juniatta where the Carl Morris's live. The McQuiston's were the first to occupy the new parsonage.

1868—1869, E. A. Graham, 1 yr.
1870—1872, L. M. Hancock, 2 yrs.

Mrs Mary E. Whistler tells of going to S. S. in the First Methodist church building at the corner of 2nd and Hudson and there were as many sunbonnets as hats worn.

1872—1875, S. E. Pendleton
3 yrs.

1875—1876, J. B. Lee, 1 yr.

The Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist and Christian churches united in holding a four week's meeting in February of 1875. The meetings were held in the Methodist church.

Rev. J. B. Lee, pastor of Methodist church, made his own Bible desk, and fixed a platform for a desk. This is the comment made. "He takes hold and does anything of the kind, when he thinks it should be done, just as we think a preacher ought to, if he can."

1876—1879, C. R. Rice, 3 yrs.

Mrs C. R. Rice, wife of the pastor, received a valuable coat from the Christmas tree in 1879.

Rev. Rice was one of the pioneer preachers of the Methodist church, riding the circuit for many years. After serving the Burlington church he was elected to the office of presiding elder, and served the district in that capacity. He lived at Hartford for many years, and visited Burlington on many occasions.

He was the father of Dr. Merton S. Rice who became the pastor of the fine Methodist church of Detroit of which we have heard so much.

1879—1882, W. H. Chaffee, 3 yrs.

Rev. McCabe, Chaplain of Libby prison, said of Rev. Chaffee upon hearing his first sermon. "We are much pleased with him. Does not give any great promise. His brain development seems moderate. Has a good deal of firmness and order, but is decidedly lacking in regard to rev-

erence. One striking thing about him is his language. His word pictures are good, and he sticks closely to his text. Close to his central thought."

The first mention of the Ladies Aid Society was May 8, 1879. Rev. Chaffee built a fence in front of the parsonage. "Built better than we thought he could."

In December 1879 Rev. Rice was here from Emporia and made this comment. "It is a very great triumph for any man to win a hold through a lapse of a few busy months, and gain the regard of so many, as that man Rev. Chaffee has in Burlington." The church was greatly strengthened during Rev. Chaffee's pastorate. In his three years the church membership increased from 111 to 161. Sunday School membership 212 in 1882. Church packed for services. Finances in fine condition. In 1880 Woman's Foreign Missionary Society organized with 10 members.

In 1884 or 1885 Burlington Woman's Foreign Missionary Society adopted a tiny girl in India and gave her the name of "Prudence Maud Burlington," first name for Mrs Murphy who was the pastor's wife here at that time, second name for Mrs J. M. Armstrong and Burlington, either for our Auxiliary or our City I do not know which. The Auxiliary supported her until she grew up and was married to a Hindu pastor.

Mrs Letitia Cramer was Burlington's W. F. M. S. loyal, faithful, and dearly beloved President for 25 years. She was so well informed on all topics and especially in all branches of the Missionary work. One found her always ready

and so willing to do all she could for her beloved church and Missionary Society, which were so dear to her heart. Mrs Cramer was the grandmother of Mrs John Ryan. She was awarded a memorial membership.

Mrs M. M. Kiger, was the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society's very efficient treasurer for seventeen years. In those days it was work to be treasurer as each member had to be visited in her home and the collections were sometimes as small as five cents. Mrs Kiger drove her horse and buggy from home to home to make the collections. Mrs M. M. Kiger was the mother of Thomas and Emery Kiger.

1882-1884, J. A. Hyden, 2 yrs.

In March 1882 the South Kansas conference met in Burlington with Bishop Warren presiding. No particular record of the conference is on file except that the cordial reception given made it easy to come again 13 years later.

In 1883 a revival was held, with Rev. Pendleton, a former pastor, of Garnett helping. In three months 51 persons were added to the church.

Monday December 10, 1883, young people met to organize a Young Peoples Christian association. Forty-six members enrolled. Pres. Rev. J. A. Hyden, 1st Vice Pres. Jennie Van Slyck, 2nd Vice Pres., Anna Williams, Sec., Mable Allen, Treas., Chas. Throckmorton, Com. on program: E. M. Young, Libbie Thompson, Mary Redmond, Mrs W. J. Wilson, Mrs J. A. Hyden.

In February 1884, the trustees were sworn into office and qual-

ified. The first time in history of Burlington church that this has been done. They were E. W. Barker, Benj. Hall, J. H. White, F. C. Jones, S. J. Carter, Job Throckmorton, J. M. Armstrong, F. Hollopeter, A. Raser.

June 1883, the ministers of the city were asked by the Mayor to arrange for ringing of church bells at daylight on July 4th.

March 21, 1884. Among exercises to be given by churches of this city on evening of Easter Sunday will be a concert by Methodist S. S. The little folks are working hard to give, all who may favor them with their presence, a nice entertainment. An admission fee of 5c will be charged to all the persons not members of the school. The money raised will be used in purchasing books for a new library for the school.

"It is nice to have a church well filled, but when the people cling around the door and windows like bees hanging out of a hive, it is a sign that things are crowded, or else the minister is too popular." Rev. Hyden was the pastor referred to.

1884-1888, S. S. Murphy, 3½ yrs.

September 19, 1884, Rev. Pendleton accepted presiding Eldership and S. S. Murphy of Iowa came to the Burlington Methodist church.

In November 1886, the Methodist church was repainted, a cupola was substituted for the old spire and an attractive fence added.

September 8, 1881, 17 years from the day of their marriage Rev. and Mrs S. S. Murphy start-

ed their oldest son to college.

Rev. Murphy was threatened by mail that if any more arrests were made for selling whiskey he would be in great bodily danger, and "that he would be cowed".

Rev. Murphy served the Burlington Methodist church as many years as any minister was allowed to serve at that time.

In December 1885, the colored Methodists of Burlington held a revival. (Comment made) "Many of the lambs are going into the fold of their Savior, and hereafter will lead happy and useful lives."

1888-1889, J. B. Ford, 1 yr.

May 10, 1888. The W. F. M. S. annual convention of the M. E. church of Emporia district was held in the city beginning May 15, 1888. The address of welcome was by Mrs M. C. Frazier, Burlington, and the consecration service by Mrs B. F. Scott. Address by a returned missionary. Delegates came from each auxiliary. Mrs P. M. Buck, who recently returned from India, is expected to be with us.

The attendance especially in the evenings, was large and all who attended report favorably as to success of the annual convention.

September 27, 1888. Next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. the service in the M. E. church will be for the yellow fever sufferers in Jacksonville, Fla. The pastor will preach on the "Ministry of Suffering."

1889-1890, R. H. Sparks, 1 yr.

One item of interest to all Methodists was the marriage of

Will Scott and Eva Throckmorton, life time members of the church, and very active in all the organizations of the church. They were married May 8, 1889.

1890-1895, C. T. Durboraw, 5 yrs.

In October 1890 a meeting was held at the Methodist church for the organization of a County Bible Society, which was Auxiliary to the American Bible Society. A revival in 1890 resulted in 40 conversions.

In 1891 Quarterly report of the Methodist Church School was: Teachers 27, officers 7, students 200, average attendance 145, average collection \$3.59, total expenses \$37.80, total collection \$43.14. The Soldiers class was the banner class.

Emporia District Conference in session in Burlington, about 75 ministers and laymen present. Principal attractions were a sermon by Bishop Ninde and a lecture by Prof. Quayle of Baker university.

On February 19, 1892, Rev. and Mrs C. T. Durboraw lost, by death, their four year old daughter, Ruth.

March 25, 1892 — The church went on record as voting against the selling of intoxicating liquors at the World's Fair in Chicago. December 30, 1892, Epworth League convention covering territory 100 miles, north and south and 50 miles east and west. Thirteen delegates attended.

January 4, 1895, a deal with Mason & Hamlin Organ Co. for the finest instrument they put out in the way of a chapel organ. It will far surpass any-

thing seen here. The cost to be \$300.00.

On January 27, 1893, Pres. W. A. Quayle of Baker University delivered his popular address — "A Fool's Errand" in the church. He was engaged by the Epworth League.

In January 1894 a revival was held with assistance of some of the pastors from nearby towns. Fifteen persons were added to the membership of the church. At conference time in March 1894, Rev. Durboraw reported that in the four years of his pastorate the membership had increased 101%, there now being 379 members. The church and parsonage are clear of indebtedness and all salaries and incidental expenses are paid in full. The report is the best ever made by any pastor located here.

Jan. 26, 1894. Comment — Church etiquette forbids the putting on of wraps until after the benediction is pronounced. Much confusion would be avoided if this rule was observed.

In January 1892, the Ladies Aid under leadership of Mrs Rosa Jennings gave a potato festival. The admission was 10c, supper 15c. They served potato puffs, potato biscuits, potato pie (sweet), potato salad, sweet potato pudding, baked sweet potatoes, potato coffee cake and pickles. It was a great success.

December 30, 1892 — Epworth League members and others gave Rev. Durboraw a typewriter and gold watch, with the assistance of J. A. Mosher.

April 27, 1894. The Methodist church has for some time been

needing more room for both congregational and Sunday School purposes. Plans have been made to remodel. The new plan will seat 450. The building will be turned around and a room 25x32 feet built on the west. The spire will be taken down and rebuilt at the southwest corner, affording entrance from both sides into both audience and lecture rooms. The pastor reports satisfactory financial encouragement.

June 22, 1894. Work was begun on the church. S. C. South has the contract for all carpenter work and E. C. Franklin for the foundation work. The work is to be completed in 90 days.

Services were held in a tent on the school grounds while the remodelling was being done. The tent was badly damaged during a wind storm on June 29, 1894 but was repaired and continued use made of it.

On November 4, 1894, the Methodist church was crowded to its full capacity, the occasion being the reopening and dedication of the remodelled church. Many were turned away. The church presented a beautiful sight, and all were delighted with the improvement. The improvement began in June. Beside the changes mentioned above, there was a choir recess 10x18 built on the east and pulpit located directly in front of it. Pews are solid oak, built on the half circle. They were furnished by Dr. Wolf Mfg. Co., and cost \$400.00. The room was carpeted by the Ladies Aid. The carpeting cost \$140.00. Pulpit is a gift of a member not wishing

name mentioned. Pulpit carpeting gift of Mrs C. H. Cleveland. Windows of leaded glass furnished by individuals and organizations at a cost of \$302.00. Ladies Aid, G.A.R., Epworth League, Junior League each furnished one. Mrs Woodworth's class, class formerly taught by J. M. Armstrong presented one. Mrs M. J. Frazier, by collections among farmers, provided another inscribed "The Prairies praise Thee O God." The classes of Mr and Mrs S. B. Cogshall inscribed their windows to Rev. C. T. Durboraw. Two memorial windows were gifts in memory of Rev. D. S. Baldwin, and Lucius Baldwin, husband and son Mrs D. S. Baldwin, and presented by her. E. W. Barker placed one in memory of Edna Barker, a daughter. Another gift was from Hugh McBirney and was inscribed to Ruth Durboraw, daughter of the pastor and his wife.

The building is heated by furnace, lighted by electricity. The indebtedness on building, furnace, changes to sidewalk, parking space, insurance, etc., were all provided for. Total amount subscribed on dedication day was \$1126.00. Total cost, when an additional rolling partition is placed, will reach \$3700.00. Dr. Murlin promised a lecture to help raise money for this.

Dr. Murlin's sermons and services won for him highest praise. Pastor and official members felt, in view of the financial depression, the enterprise had been a gratifying success.

On January 25, 1895, Rev. Dur-

boraw had this to say about women's sleeves. "When one goes to church and hears a most affecting and earnest appeal for money to spread the gospel through the world, and looks around and sees enough waste material in the ladies sleeves, in that one church, to keep a missionary in the field for a long time, he is reminded of Ezekiel 13:18."

Rev. C. T. Durboraw was host pastor to the South Kansas Conference in March, 1895. Rev. Durboraw was one of the most popular ministers ever located here. There was universal regret that he could not return due to the fact that his five year time limit had expired.

Rev. S. S. Murphy was the presiding elder and Bishop Daniel Ayers Goodsell addressed the conference. Kansas is divided into four conferences. This is called the South Kansas although located in the Southeast corner of the State and embraces about twenty counties. The chief cities represented were Parsons, Pittsburg, Ottawa, Fort Scott and Emporia. The registration was 225 who were entertained in Burlington homes. The conference was called to order by Bishop Goodsell, who with the Elders, administered the Sacrament.

In September Bishop Quayle resigned as president of Baker university.

Rev. Durboraw reported 347 members, 141 by transfer of letter and 206 on probation—347, loss by death, removal etc. 172. Net gain 175. \$200.00 spent improving parsonage, and remodelled church at cost of \$3500.00.

A discussion about making just

two conferences in Kansas was held as the general conference had given consent but no action taken at present, but a committee on boundaries was appointed.

A Greek Library had been founded and any who would were asked to join a group and pay \$1.00 a year for five years. All reports were exceptionally good.

On the last day of the conference the appointments were read. On the Sabbath at 9 a.m. a Love-feast was held and the sermon was by Bishop Goodsell. 2:30 Epworth League Rally. 4:00 ordination of Elders and Deacons. 5:00 Chautauqua Vespers and at 7:30 a sermon.

1895-1897, W. H. Mulvaney, 2 yrs.

During the two years of Rev. Mulvaney's pastorate he reported 152 deaths, 61 persons over 50 years and 23 over 70.

On January 1, 1896 Rev. Mulvaney preached to the Epworth League on the dance and cards. Wm. Scott was president of the League.

In September 1897 the Annual District convention of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Emporia district was held in the Burlington Methodist church. District Epworth League convention also held in Burlington in September, 1897.

Ladies Aid Society and Epworth League were very active during Rev. Mulvaney's pastorate.

1897-1898, J. E. Brant, 1 yr.

The Courier published an article saying the Methodist church was suffering a boycott. Said boycott was because Rev. Brant

refused to support a certain man for Governor in 1896, the Republicans had refused to pay pledges. The Trustees of the church repudiated the article, in the Republican, with considerable indignation, saying that the pledges were up to date as usual.

1898-1904, Bascom Robbins, 6 yrs.

March 16, 1900 Rev. Merton S. Rice, son of Rev. C. R. Rice was born in Burlington. Rev. C. R. Rice was transferred from Kansas conference to Iowa conference.

Emporia district conference met at Emporia September 21, 1900 with only half the members present—30 ministers and 60 laymen.

On November 25, 1898 memorial services were held for soldiers of the Spanish American War, who gave their lives for their country.

Miss Mary P. Wright, daughter of the minister of the Congregational church of Burlington, was in 1899, the secretary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the United States. She served nine years as missionary to Turkey. She was at one time county superintendent of the schools of Coffey county, having the distinction of being the first woman in Kansas to hold public office.

Copied from Official Board minutes 1900, January: Motion to issue a monthly bulletin. Mr S. B. Cogshall elected editor and Mr John Redmond to get his pay from advertisements.

August 13, 1900: By motion the pastor was made chairman of a

committee to solicit entertainment for delegates and visitors at the District Conference, to be held in Burlington and also the music committee was requested to reorganize in time for said conference.

October 1, 1900: Motion carried that the pastor take a collection for fuel and lights at the first favorable opportunity.

August 15, 1901: Motion to employ Miss Christian to instruct the chorus in singing at \$2.00 a week. The choir to assume one half the expense.

January 6, 1902: Motion carried that the protracted meetings commence February 3rd and continue three weeks

April 2, 1902: Motion carried that Mr Redmond's proposition be accepted that he publish the bulletin as his contribution.

1904-1905, A. S. Freed, 1 yr.

1905-1907, W. C. Macurdy, 2 yrs.

1907-1911, George E. Tifft, 4 yrs.

During the pastorate of Rev. George E. Tifft, on September 13-20, the Methodist church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. Several of the former pastors were present and had a part in the program. Former pastors, and their present addresses (in 1908) follows: Rev. C. Rice, Hartford; Rev. W. C. Macurdy, Emporia; Rev. R. H. Sparks, Ottawa; Rev. W. H. Mulvaney, Emporia; Rev. J. Albert Hyden, Ottawa; Rev. S. S. Murphy, Parsons; Rev. Bascom Robbins, Cherryvale; Rev. A. S. Freed, Galena; Rev. H. W. Chaffee, Ottawa; and Rev. C. T. Durboraw, Pittsburg. Rev. C. R. Rice of Hartford, lovingly called Father Rice, administered the

Holy Sacrament on the first morning. Rev. Thomas Campbell conducted a Love Feast on the last afternoon.

The music was furnished by the regular choir, by a chorus of 16 young ladies, and by a male quartet.

Talks were made by J. H. White, Susan Heddens and Catherine Throckmorton, all of whom were charter members of the Methodist church of Burlington.

Some of the subjects used for the addresses were: "What I see from my front porch," Bishop W. F. Oldham; "We go this way but once," Rev. Sparks; "Sunlight of Life," Rev. W. H. Mulvaney; "Methodism and Character building," also by Rev. Mulvaney; "Chips and things," Rev. Hyden; "The Great Need of the Church, then and now," Rev. Murphy; "What does present day Methodism stand for?" Rev. Robbins.

Wednesday was designated as Old Peoples Day, and Saturday was Children's Day.

Copied from Official Board minutes:

April 8, 1908: Decided to begin much needed repairs on the church and committees were appointed.

July 6, 1908: A motion that George Barber be a committee of one to see that envelopes for the pastors salary be supplied and placed in pockets of the seats.

A unanimous vote requested all ladies to remove their hats when attending church services.

July 13, 1908: It was estimated that \$100.00 was still needed on church repairs but decided to see what the Ladies Aid Society

reported at their meeting. Committees were appointed for the plans to be made for the 50th Anniversary to be held in September.

July 20th, Board of Stewards meeting to see about shortage of Pastors salary.

June 3, 14, 24, 1909: Board meetings were largely discussions about a parsonage except one special meeting to elect trustees as the record of their election had been lost. There were seven elected with two receiving 35 votes, three 34, one 30 and one 33. They proceeded to elect their officers and were instructed to appear before the Register of Deeds to take the following oath of office:

State of Kansas, Coffey County
S. S.

We and each of us, do solemnly swear that we will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and that we will well and truly perform the duties of the office of Trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church of Burlington, Kansas to the best of our ability, so help us God. E. W. Barker, G. W. Barber, John Lytle, W. M. Scott, A. C. Stephenson, H. A. Smith, and M. M. Kiger.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of July A D., 1909. Harrie E. Robson, Register of Deeds.

On October 5, 1909 it was definitely decided that the proposition made by J. A. Kennedy June 14, 1909 (namely; That we give our property situated on lots 3 and 4 Blk 64 City of Burlington and \$3000.00 in exchange for the Kennedy property situated on the

E½ of lot 10 and all of lots 11 and 12 Blk. 57 City of Burlington, Coffey County) be accepted, price consideration \$4200.00.

The Treasurer, Mr H. A. Smith, was authorized to look after exchange of deeds, pay the cash and have the recording taken care of at Register of Deeds office.

February 7, 1911: The matter of individual communion sets was presented and recommended that same be purchased, the Ladies Aid Society agreeing to pay for same.

1911-1917, C. L. Hovgard, 6 yrs.

During the pastorate of Rev. C. L. Hovgard extensive remodeling was done on the church. Rev Hovgard was the inspiration behind the remodelling and labored with his hands faithfully, but also sacrificed his vacation to work on the church. The church stands today much as this work left it, with very little change.

The formal dedication was on May 11, 1913 with Bishop W. O. Shepard giving the dedicatory address. Several former pastors were present. Rev. S. S. Murphy who gave the prayer, Rev. W. C. Macurdy the responsive reading, and Rev. C. R. Rice the benediction.

At that time Mrs H. A. Cartwright, who served so many years, was pianist, and Mr A. D. Nothstein was director of the choir.

During Rev. Hovgard's ministry the following invitation was extended by the Official Board of the Methodist church, to the Elders of the Presbyterian church when they had voted to disband on account of the small membership, and a pastor could not be

supported.

"We the Official Board of the Methodist Episcopal church of Burlington, Kansas most cordially invite you to make our church your church home, and we will worship together in Christian fellowship; this to continue until you can make better provisions and only so far as it does not violate any rules of your church."

Acceptance by the Presbyterians: To the Official Board of the Methodist Episcopal church, Burlington, Kansas: "We heartily accept the proposition extended, in your invitation, of a church home, and in appreciation, would welcome your pastor to our homes and will contribute to the local support of our church." The acceptance was signed by practically all of the members of the Presbyterian church.

The following resolution was adopted by the Methodists on the following Sunday morning: "Whereas the Presbyterian church has so heartily accepted our invitation, and as individual members have promised their support; Be it resolved that we as pastor and members remember their interests in the work for the Kingdom as well as our own and give them a voice in the local affairs."

On November 19, 1916 almost all of the Presbyterian membership, in a body, were received as members into the Methodist Episcopal church of Burlington, Kansas. There were 99 received. The reception given for this large group of new members was held at the church on February 3, 1917, with a large number from both churches attending.

1917-1921, Clyde W. Odom, 4 yrs.

In November 1917, during Rev. Odom's pastorate, a great mass meeting for men, lasting a week, was held. The speakers for each evening were as follows: Wm. Huggins, Lawyer, Emporia, a strong pleader for men; C. Q. Chandler, banker, Wichita, widely known churchman; Chas. Scott, editor, Iola, eloquent and convincing; Gov. Arthur Capper, Topeka, defender of the Faith; Theodore Richardson, lawyer, Emporia, who believes in the court of Heaven; G. H. Lamb, lawyer, Yates Center, with a strong message for religion; J. Wess Goodwin, Cherryvale, city booster, Cherryvale Gospel team.

A revival was in process of being held, and Henri Boyd led a large chorus choir each evening.

Rev. Odom's report at close of first year—Total members 690: received during year 134. Sunday School enrollment 450.

In May of 1919 a centenary meeting was held at E. W. Barker's home to plan for canvass. The quota went over the top with 233 persons contributing.

The District Supt. Rev. J. D. Smith was shocked to see more than 100 out for First Quarterly Conference.

In 1919—1920 the following ladies were presidents of the following organizations: Aid Society, Mrs. Chas. Wingett; Women's Home Missionary Society, Miss Kezia Hay, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. A. N. Gray.

October 17, 1920, the Business Men's Bible class entertained the Whatsoever class at the home of the Bairds. There were

150 in attendance. During the evening a mock wedding was held—October 17, being the 14th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Odom.

In May, 1917 Rev. Odom gave the Baccalaureate sermon at the high school. His theme was "The Teacher cometh and call-eth for you." John 11-28.

The Ladies Aid presented a service flag to the church in February 1918. The flag held 33 service stars. The presentation was made by Mrs. Wm. Scott. At the same time a beautiful silk American flag was presented.

Rev. Odom's annual report in 1919 showed a membership of 809, 50 non-resident, Sunday school enrollment 500.

Both the Business Men's Bible Class and the Whatsoever Class were organized during Rev. Odom's pastorate.

Rev. Odom's final report in March, 1920 showed a membership of 838 members.

1921-1922, L. Frank Waring.

Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Waring came to Burlington Methodist church in March of 1921. Their family was made up of two children, Ford and Maxine. Rev. Waring was a Coffey County boy and was quite well known when he came here, having taught school in the county. He was a tireless worker. He loved to sing and gave freely of his voice. Mrs. Waring was very artistic and gave of her talent in every way possible, frequently giving chalk talks.

During the pastorate of Rev. Waring the Wichita Area program was presented at the regu-

lar meeting of Official Board, October 10, 1921. It was further discussed at a special meeting October 19, 1921, and was unanimously adopted as the program of the church. The Wichita area was the area presided over by Bishop E. L. Waldorf, residing in Wichita. It included Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and parts of Mississippi and Louisiana. There were in this area 1537 churches, and 700,000 members and adherents. These churches are pledged to support a unified program. At a council held in Oklahoma City in September there were 600 ministers and laymen present under the leadership of Bishop Waldorf, and twenty-eight district superintendents. These leaders prepared a program which was to be carried out by every church in the area. An intensive Workers campaign from November 20 to December 4 was planned. The entire parish will be canvassed to win men and women for Christ and the church.

The Fall Festival was held November 6-13, 1921. Meetings were held each evening except Saturday. Friday night was a big night for the city and community. It was a patriotic service in honor of World War I veterans. The city band was invited to play and the Legion was invited to be guests. Dr. H. O. Holter of Ottawa brought the address of the evening.

Rev. Waring was invited, by the church to return, but he was offered a Sunday School secretaryship at Nashville, but as money did not materialize for it he did not get the place. By that time Burlington had another

pastor, so he took another pastorate.

Rev. Waring is still living in Davenport, Iowa.

1922-1924, E. C. Dunn, 2 yrs.

The following is a letter received by Mrs A. N. Gray, in answer to one written to Rev. Dunn for some data on his pastorate. This was dated January 14, 1939:

Dear Mrs Gray:

Your letter came this morning and I was agreeably surprised to hear from you as we hear from so few people on former charges due, I presume, to the fact we are slow to write. We have heard from Mrs Norris several times, that was when she was in the East with Dwight. We hear from a few people at Cherryvale where we were five years before coming back to Indiana. We were in Oakland City, Indiana two years and are now in our sixth year at Osgood. We want to serve one more charge and then retire. From the clipping you will see how long we have been in the ministry and will soon be to the age of retirement. Old man time just comes right on. However we are both well and working as hard as ever.

We have a beautiful church here. It was new when we came here six years ago, and then burned just after we came, and we immediately rebuilt, and have the debt reduced about half to what it was when we came.

Now about the church there at Burlington. I do not remember anything that was done in the way of improvements while we were there. I do remember at the close of the first year we rais-

ed the \$1800.00 that was against the church and paid it off before we went to conference. Brother Crawford and myself did the most of it. It had been standing ever since Dr. Hovgard was there.

I think I baptized more folks and preached more funerals and married more people the short time I was there than any other place we have lived in that time. However at Cherryvale we had a lot of weddings and funerals. We often think of Kansas and the places where we lived and the many people we learned to know. It will be eight years this next conference since we came back to Indiana.

If you came through Indiana on route 50 you came within four miles of Osgood. If you came through on route 40 you were within 60 miles of us. On route 50 when you come to the junction of 50 with 29 is where you turn north four miles and you are at Osgood. That is just before you get to Versailles, Ind. We would have been glad to have seen you. If you come again this summer you will know where we are. I presume there have been a lot of changes in Burlington since we were there. Will close with regards to all.

Sincerely your friends:

Dr. and Mrs E. C. Dunn

1924-1927, George R. Lawellin.

During Rev. Lawellin's stay here an orchestra was organized in the Sunday School in 1926. Dorothy Mahon Winzeler was the director, and Esther Kiger Fry was the pianist. During the time they were organized they gave

a concert at the church.

Rev. and Mrs Lawellin presented the picture of John Wesley, which hangs on the east wall of the church, during their pastorate.

1927- 1931, Rev. Eugene Kramer.

In 1927 the Kansas Conference sent to Burlington church as pastor and family, Rev. Eugene Kramer, Mrs Kramer and daughters Lucille and Eugenia. A reception and get acquainted supper was given them and plans for a continuance of the church program were made. Among the outstanding speakers in the church during this pastorate were, Bishop F. W. Warne of India, who spoke both morning and evening at a county wide rally in March 1928; Bishop Edrani F. Lee who has had an outstanding career as missionary and also had been in charge of Conferences in S. E. Asia; Dr. Ernest E. Tuck associate secretary for the Board of Foreign Missions and was connected with the mission work in India, Burma, Malaya and Philippine Islands and gave first hand observation of some of the missionary work in those countries. Other churches throughout the county dismissed their services and enjoyed these inspiring services with us.

Rev. and Mrs LaManse held a very successful series of meetings in Burlington church in December 1928.

Mrs Helen Hepner, Mrs Mary McConnell, Mrs M. A. Jackson, Mrs Elizabeth Cline and Mrs Nancy Jeffery were honored as mothers past 80 years and who were still active in Sunday school at the Mother's Day service May

1929. Mrs Elvira Shulze presented her piano to the church in 1930. A gift that was highly appreciated and put to effective use in the sanctuary.

Through the years at Burlington Mrs Kramer was a tireless worker in all departments of the church, especially generous with her musical talent and in her work with children and youth as well as in the Missionary society. Rev. Kramer in his closing report for his 4th year at Burlington church says "We have not been able to accomplish as much as we had hoped to do, but we take comfort in the fact that there has been an advance in every department and auxiliary of the church. During this period of disastrous floods, bank failures, drouth, general depression and a most unusual number of deaths, and removals from among the members and friends of the church, yet Burlington church has held steady and there is a determination here to continue to advance and hold the gain of the past years."

1931-1932, Rev. E. E. Beauchamp.

Rev. and Mrs Beauchamp with their family came to the parsonage home in 1931.

Rev. and Mrs Gerald E. Bonney, evangelistic workers held a successful revival during which a number of adult and children were converted and the membership of the church was awakened and aroused. Each department of the church planning to continue the evangelistic message in their programs.

Twenty-five young people presented a pageant "The Inn Keeper of Bethlehem" to a very

appreciative audience. The orchestra and choir added their part to the success of the entertainment which was under the direction of Mrs. Beauchamp, Miss Justine McKee and Miss Esther Kiger.

October of 1931, marked the 50th anniversary of the South West Kansas conference which was organized at Burlington, Kansas. The territory was taken from the South Kansas conference when the outposts of the church became so distant as to necessitate administrative change. There were then 52 members of the conference, 38 churches, 34 parsonages, 6370 church members. The minutes of the conference in 1931 showed 239 members of the conference, 293 churches, 203 parsonages, 56,269 church membership.

Rev. Beauchamp was at all times ably assisted by Mrs Beauchamp who was efficient in any department of church work, and especially so in the Sunday school and Women's organizations.

1933-1937, Rev. W. C. Chappell.

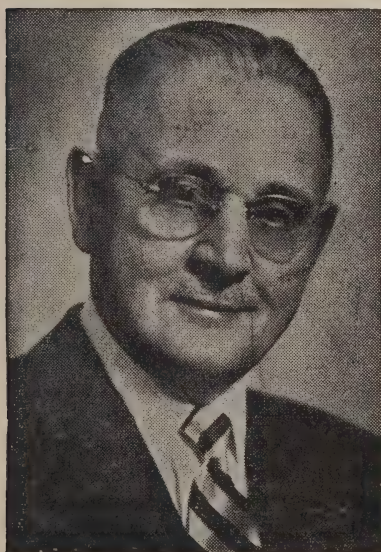
First Methodist church celebrated its 75th birthday by holding "Home Coming Week" services, December 10 - 16, 1934. Former pastors preached each week day evening. Dist. Supt. R. E. Gordon preached the sermon in the morning and Bishop Charles L. Mead closed the celebration with the evening service. He was greeted by a large congregation to which he gave a wonderful message. Special music featured the programs. Former pastors preaching during the week included Rev. Frank Waring, Rev. George Lawellin, Rev.

Bascom Robbins and Rev. C. L. Hovgard. The pastor Rev. W. C. Chappell was assisted by Rev. A. W. Way of Westphalia and Rev. H. C. Wassell of Hartford.

Another event during this period was the pageant "The Golden Coin" which was presented by home talent to a large and appreciative audience. About 65 folks were in the cast.

Rev. and Mrs Chappell, who sang beautifully together, were always generous with their musical talent which added much to the various programs of the church during their pastorate.

1937-1942, Harry O. Ritter.



The Methodist church welcomed Rev. H. O. Ritter, Mrs Ritter, Mary Jane, Harry Jr., Dick and Annabeth, as pastor and family in the fall of 1937. During this ministry many advancements were made in all the departments of the church. A plan was started whereby the pastor in a very short time could

have a communication transmitted to the entire membership. The membership being organized into 12 Tribes with about 15 people in each Tribe with a Leader and co-leader. More people were now interested and working—church attendance increased—finances on a solid basis—every member canvas completed each year and all departments of the church were stimulated. Youth night during the week under the leadership of Justine McKee-Hill resulted at times in up to 100 in attendance. A monthly news letter was mimeographed and mailed to the entire membership. The plan for remodeling the interior of the church became a reality. The choir loft was enlarged, a beautiful altar placed in the center with choir seats on either side. New carpeting was laid in front of and also covering the rostrum, a new lectern was made and last but not least a new pipe organ was purchased. All of these improvements added much to the beauty and inspiration of the service. Mrs Ritter was elected President of the newly organized W.S./C.S. which combined the Home, Foreign and Ladies Aid organizations. She was at all times active in the work of the church. After six years Rev. Ritter and family were transferred by the Conference to London Heights church, Kansas City, carrying with them the good wishes of Burlington Methodists.

1942-1945, Dr. Wm. R. McCormack.

For the first time in many years there were no small children or youth to call the parsonage



"home". Burlington people soon found that the "Open House" which Dr. and Mrs McCormack annually observed on New Years Day, was in reality observed through-out the year and children, youth as well as adults were all welcomed.

Home visitation proved to be a decided success both in the spirit of the seventy workers and in the response from the people who were visited. New members were received regularly following these visits or calls.

Home coming celebration was held at the church November 30, 1943. The so-called "Home Coming" was also in the nature of a surprise party given by the church and its Official Board, honoring John Redmond, editor of The Daily Republican for his service in the various activities of the church during the last 53 years. Four former pastors were present, Dr. C. L. Hovgard, Rev. G. R. Lawellin, Rev. E. E. Beau-

champ and Rev. H. O. Ritter. Rev. Bascom Robbins, Rev. Frank Waring and Rev. Eugene Kramer each had written letters of appreciation which were read by Mrs McCormack. Dist. Supt. Guy V. Hartman spoke of the influence upon the community of the church news in the paper as reflected in the religious atmosphere of the church. Bishop Martin discussed "Individualism" and paid high tribute to the individualist who did things for the church and community. The pastor Dr. W. R. McCormack who was the moving spirit of the party presided during the evening. Another feature of the evening was the presentation to the church of Sallman's beautiful painting "Head of Christ" by Dr. and Mrs A. N. Gray. At this time 100 new song books which were a gift from Mr and Mrs Harold Hoegland were first used. Following the program the crowd met in "Fellowship Hall", as the basement is called, for an informal reception honoring Bishop Martin and the guest of honor.

Burlington church is now organized according to the plan of the Dicipline (1940). The entire membership of the church is divided into three divisions as follows: Childrens Division (Cradle Roll to 12 years) Youth Division (12 years to 23 years) Adult Division (23 years on up) All the activities are within these divisions. The local Board of Education has charge of all divisions. All the offices are filled with efficient and loyal leaders.

Henry A. Smith and Wm. M. Scott who had been trustees of the Burlington Methodist church

for more than a third of a century were honored at a "Loyal Service" dinner after the morning service in April 1945. A fine program gave expression to what the church thought of such faithful friends and their years of loyal service.

The "Crusade for Christ" was officially launched by the general conference of the Methodist church on May 3, 1944. A four year program in which the church is to work to take care of the needy, give religious instruction to the people, seek a just peace, send missionaries back to their devastated fields of service and do all that a real church of Christ should do. The entire cost is estimated at 25 million dollars. The share for Burlington church being \$2370.00. The membership responded by raising more than the quota as well as meeting the other expenses of the church. The increase in membership and attendance is also a cause for thankfulness.

1945-1950, Rev. Paul W. Burres.

Rev. Burres and family, consisting of Mrs Burres, and two children, Lornita and Richard (Dick), came to us immediately after three and one-half years of service in World War II, where he served as Chaplin, serving in the very thick of the battle. Participating in the Battle of the Bulge and other battles and incidents of the closing period of the active fighting in World War II.

Mrs Burres was very active in the work of the church and of the W.S.C.S. She taught many mission study classes during her stay here.



One class which Mrs Burres taught while here, which was outstanding and which the women who attended it will never forget was a class on "The United Nations". This organization was new then and many were eager to learn all they could about it, and Mrs Burres was an expert when it came to explaining the organization and workings of the various departments.

In November 1947, Rev. Burres brought to Burlington, for a program, a native Galilian Shepherd, Stephen A. Haboush. This program was produced at a cost of \$60,000.00 and sixteen years of work. Mr Haboush was accompanied by his wife and two helpers who operated the professional equipment. Madame Haboush had charge of the music. This program brought before your eyes the mystery and romance of the land of the Bible. Mr Haboush said in part "For sev-

eral years I was nursemaid to a flock of 85 sheep and a dozen goats. It was not an easy job. The goats made my life miserable, and the stray sheep made me unhappy, but most of my trouble was with the goats. I love goats as much as the Irish love the English."

In the Crusade for Christ, November 25, 1945 was set aside as Church Survey Sunday by the churches of Burlington. The purpose of the survey was to give each church accurate information as to the number of persons that it should try to reach in the Crusade for Christ.

In 1946 Mr and Mrs Frank Harvey presented the Nursery Dept. several boxes of toys which were greatly appreciated.

Twenty-eight persons called in the homes of Burlington during March 1946 in a visitation evangelism campaign.

During the year of 1946, Rev. Burres was given a two-month leave of absence to attend Iliff School of Theology. Rev. Dwight Dussair and family occupied the parsonage and served the church as pastor for the time Rev. Burres was away.

In September of 1946 Mr and Mrs Wm. Scott, after many years of active service, were made honorary members of the official board.

A junior robed choir, of twenty voices, was organized in 1947, under the leadership of Mrs J. Mac Wiley. The robes were worn for the first time February 6, 1947 and were made by the Live Wire Class and others, and the choir made many appearances in the morning service.

Crosses were awarded on the basis of regular service

A gift of twenty-five new Youth Hymnals was presented to the Youth Fellowship and Sunday School youth department by Mrs M. R. Wilson, who was a teacher in that department.

At the close of Rev. Burres's second year as pastor, he reported six adults and 14 youth were admitted on confession of faith, 20 by transfer. There were five infants, 13 youth and two adults baptized. The church membership was then 632 active, 154 inactive, a total of 786. Nine members were removed by death and 31 by transfer. Beside preaching on Sunday, Rev. Burres conducted 25 funerals and 16 weddings. He made 435 pastoral calls. The church budget was raised in full on only one solicitation and the finance committee chairman reported 109 persons paid their full years pledge in advance.

In 1949 the beautiful altar service was installed on the altar. The beautiful cross was presented to the church by Mr and Mrs L. J. Pilcher, and Mrs Wm. Pilcher as a memorial to their son and husband, Wm. Pilcher.

In 1947 the long delayed and often postponed crusade to raise funds for the construction of a new church and educational unit, when building conditions are favorable, was started. Almost \$45,000 was pledged and about \$10,000 was paid in and placed in a fund to be used only for a new church. Mr and Mrs W. L. Shaffer donated the half block of ground opposite the high school building as a site

1950-1953, Rev. J. Carl Dussair.



In June of 1950, Rev. J. Carl Dussair and Mrs Dussair came to Burlington Methodist church. The following taken from the first bulletin expresses well their plan of service.

"We will endeavor to call on the church officials, and the shut-ins and the sick, first, then on all the families of the church and its constituency. Will you please be an active member by reporting names of the sick and any new families who have moved to this community recently; may we depend on you for this important information? Come to church regularly. Empty pews kill a church quicker than anything else."

The W. S. C. S. observed the 10th anniversary of the society September 20, at a 1 o'clock luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Each lady being seated at a table representing her birth month.

Members of the Yates Center W. S. C. S. were guests and an interesting program was enjoyed by all.

The music committee purchased 50 new song books for the S. S. and other services. They were financed by donations of \$1.00 gifts which permitted the donor's name on a sticker placed in the book.

In preparation for the week of special services in November the Home Visitation teams began the calls, and the Cottage Prayer meetings in the four sections of town were held each week day morning. Rev. Dwight Dussair pastor at Garnett, and son of our Rev. Dussair and wife held the opening service. Rev. Roy Brady, district superintendent of Independence district preached and assisted the pastor other evenings of the week.

During 1952 continued progress in the church school building financing progress began with new pledges and substantial amounts being paid. The W. S. C. S. having paid their \$1000.00 pledge began on another of like amount. This fine spirit is deeply appreciated.

Day of Dedication, when Methodists renewed their vows and special sacrificial offering taken for specified projects in both Home and Foreign Missionary work, was observed with special services.

"Church Workers School" for teachers with an enrollment of 90 closed a six hour course with such enthusiasm that they asked for another school next year. Church school teachers from Yates Center, LeRoy, Aliceville,

Gridley, Neosho Falls and Burlington attended. Rev. Dussair acted as Dean of the school.

S. O. Avery, superintendent of Church school recognized 20 members of church school for perfect attendance records. Gold pins were awarded. Patsy Mason Schmidt holds the record of eight years perfect attendance.

Twenty or more men met at the church several evenings with paint brushes, ladders and other equipment and painted the basement and adjoining class rooms. This working together not only gave the men a spiritual lift but also gave the basement a "lift" in its clean appearance.

Rev. Dussair continues to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's supper to the shut-ins of the church. This service is deeply appreciated.

The W. S. C. S. have purchased a new Guest Book which is placed in the vestibule. It is hoped that all guests will sign this book when attending church here.

Rev. and Mrs Dussair gave of their best in faithful service to Burlington church and the good wishes of the congregation go with them to their new field in the closing of the conference year 1953.

Dr. and Mrs A. N. Gray's

Anniversary

Many weddings and receptions have been held in the church but few anniversaries. One exception, the 40th anniversary of Dr. and Mrs A. N. Gray. As their son Rev. A. B. Gray and family from Wayne, Nebr. could not be here early, Albert requested the W.S.C.S. to prepare for the

event. The following is taken from the files of the Daily Republican:

"Residents of Burlington and Coffey Co. paid tribute to Dr. and Mrs A. N. Gray in a reception Sunday p.m., May 25, 1952. The occasion was the 40th anniversary of their marriage, the 35th anniversary of their coming to Burlington to practice and the 45th anniversary of medical practice. There was a large attendance and friends came from considerable distances for the event. Their son, Rev. Albert B. Gray, pastor of the Methodist church at Wayne, Nebr., at the request of Rev. Dussair, preached the sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning, and officiated at the renewal of the marriage vows of his parents in a repetition of the ceremony which united Dr. Gray and Miss Cora May Baker.

At the reception at the church, Dr. and Mrs Gray and their son, Rev. Albert B. Gray and wife received the guests. Mrs Ray Ward was in charge of the guest book, and Mrs T. B. Kiger and Mrs George Robe poured at the serving table. Mrs Ray Pierson, pres. of the W. S. C. S. was in charge of the work in the kitchen assisted by Mrs Howard Hill, president elect, and members of the society. In the brief informal program Mrs Hill introduced Dr. and Mrs Gray and spoke briefly of their splendid work in and for the church, and in the community. Dr. and Mrs Gray each responded and Albert expressed the appreciation of the family for all the courtesies and kindnesses. The Gray's received many

cards, gifts, letters and beautiful flowers.

Both Dr. and Mrs Gray have been active in church work through their married life. He having taught in S. S., served as Supt. and also active in many of the church activities. Mrs Gray also has held many offices of responsibility in the various organizations of the church locally and in the district and larger groups. She has supported a Bible woman in India for almost 25 years. Dr. and Mrs Gray have many friends throughout the region.

1953, Lowell Swender, 4 months.

Lowell Swender came to Burlington Methodist Church, as supply minister, to fill in the interim between Rev. Dussair and Rev. Dutton.

Rev. Swender lived at Strong City with his family and was a teacher in the city schools, but came to Burlington for services on Sunday and any other time when necessary. He did good work in the short time he was here.

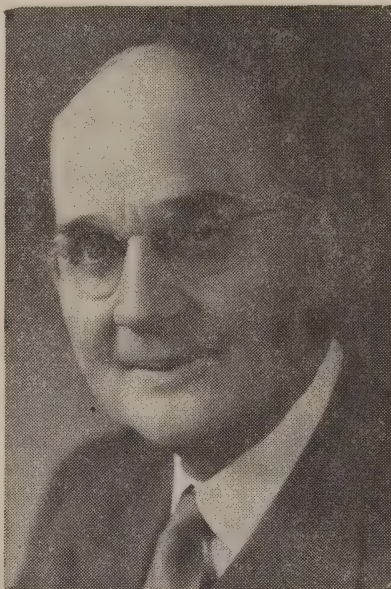
During his pastorate the church celebrated the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley.

A campaign for new chairs was conducted during Rev. Swender's pastorate.

Rev. Swender organized the commissions during his short time here. This was a new adventure brought about in the General Conference of 1952. There were four of them. (1) Commission on membership and Evangelism. (2) Commission on Education. (3) Commissions on Mission. (4) Commission on

Finance. These commissions are auxiliary to the board.

1953-1955, Rev. S. F. Dutton



Rev. S. F. Dutton, Mrs Dutton and daughter Maurita became our parsonage family in October 1953. Their friendliness and appreciation made it easy to get acquainted and in a short time new members were being added to the church at each Sunday service. The S. S. and church attendance also increased. The Prayer Circle which had been organized in June, 1953, continued to grow and was divided into smaller groups, meeting in the homes. In later months this was changed to meet at the church at 9 a.m. each Thursday. This plan has been continued to the present time. Each one attending can testify to a spiritual growth coming from this association together in Bible study and prayer.

An interesting Vacation Bible School is held each year at the close of school in May. Teachers and leaders provide religious instruction as well as hand craft for a two-week period. There is a large enrollment each year.

In January 1954 the Methodist Church began a church wide loyalty campaign to encourage renewed interest in those who had become careless in their church relations. Mrs Frank Stickler is in charge of the plan locally, which is to continue until Easter and it is hoped by that time habit patterns will be formed in such a way that the plan will continue to gain momentum. The goal—Every church member an active member—Every Methodist child in Sunday School.

January 1954. At a meeting of the Official Board it was decided to redecorate the sanctuary. The Commission on Finance headed a "Gallon Club". Volunteers were asked to pay for a gallon of paint or give a lesser amount to apply toward the expense. The amount was soon raised and the sanctuary showed so much improvement that the workers continued to the basement and surrounding class rooms resulting in a much neater appearance throughout the building.

April 1954. The adult class started a nursery for the morning services. A call was made for nursery furniture. Mrs Allen Vick headed this worth while cause.

April 1954. New stoles for the choir robes appeared. The material was furnished by the Young Adult Class and made by

the ladies of the W.S.C.S. This adds much to the uniformity of the choir.

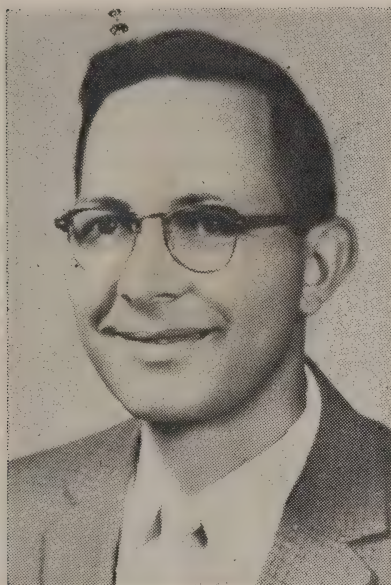
May 1954. A new building committee has been appointed and some of the members have made several trips to see other Educational Units recently built. Interest in our building project is growing.

September 1954. Mrs Wm. A. Buckles as leader of Children's work in W.S.C.S organized the Junior Church for all children six years old through the 7th grade. This is held each 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during the regular church hour. Leader and children sit in the sanctuary for the opening worship service and listen to the pastor who gives a short "Children's Sermon", then they pass quietly to their own room where they discuss the points of the sermon and follow that with the regular Missionary lesson as outlined by the W.S.C.S. Thus the children are receiving instruction in both the local services and the study of Missions and learn to share their offerings.

May 1955. Contract for the Blue Prints for the Educational Building have been signed. This is a forward step that will mean much to the church and Sunday school.

At the Conference in June 1955, Rev. and Mrs Dutton asked that they might be transferred nearer Kansas City where they could have better educational advantages for their daughter Maurita. The best wishes of Burlington church go with them.

1955-1956, Rev. Gail Garst.



Rev. Gail Garst and family, his wife Elaine and three boys, Chris, Jon, and Timmy came to the Burlington Methodist church in June 1955, having received the appointment at the annual Conference of Kansas. (The one hundred and first annual Conference of Kansas Methodism.)

Burlington Methodists had, for a long time, been wanting a young minister, and this thirty-one year old fully-dedicated man was an answer to their prayers.

One of Rev. Garst's early bulletins contained this admonition quoted from another bulletin, "Good morning; God is here! There is so much more to worship than listening. Every person in the church is a participant. By singing, praying, thinking, giving, worship becomes a real experience."

Rev. Garst was in great demand throughout the Conference.

Several commitments had been made before he came here. Teaching at Baldwin, Dean of Youth Camp, etc.

Rev. Garst was greatly interested in the children, and brought them many messages in the "children's sermon" on each Sunday morning. The most interesting of these sermons were lessons brought to the children (and, incidently, to some of the older people, too) were stories about birds.

September, 1955, brought plans for the new educational building to be erected on the lots which Mr W. L. Shaffer had given to the church. Immediately following the morning service on October 13, 1955, the congregation moved out to the location for the new building where a service was held for the breaking of the ground.

There was an Old Testament lesson, The Gloria Patri, New Testament lesson, History of the church, prayers of Consecration, remarks by Dist. Supt., then the Litany for the breaking of ground.

W. L. Shaffer then performed the rite of turning over the first spadeful of dirt.

The congregation then retired to the church where a covered dish dinner was served.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service observed their 15th anniversary on October 19, 1955 with a tea. Mrs Carol Caldwell used an anniversary litany and lead the devotions. Mrs Norman Winn presented the lesson which was on the American Indian.

During his first year here Rev. Garst gave biographies of many

consecrated leaders and workers at the Sunday evening services. This series was closed with a film on John Wesley.

On December 11, 1955 the Baker University Choir of fifty-nine voices presented a preview of the annual Christmas Vespers sung at Baker University. This musical program consisted of Christmas Carols from many lands, quartets, trios and choruses. They were under the direction of Wm. C. Rice.

December 4, 1955 the Garst's dedicated their home. This was a very impressive service in which the entire family took part. There were words of welcome by the father and mother, invocation, Lord's Prayer in unison. Violin solo by Mrs Marvin Hess, "Bless this House." Then the lighting of the candles, first the candle dedicating the house to "Love Divine," lighted by Christopher, the second dedicating house to friendship and neighborliness, lighted by Jonathan; the third candle lighted to dedicate the house to usefulness in community and church, lighted by Timothy.

The service was closed by singing 'Blest Be The Tie That Binds' and benediction ended a most impressive service.

The New Year was started off by Student Recognition day with the following students participating: Roger Douglass, Carl Zscheile, Gayle Smith, Dina Jo Zscheile, James Avery and Emma Lou Douglass. These young people had charge of the morning service.

On January 8, 1956 an alphabetical roll call of the church

membership was started and continued each Sunday morning until the names of the entire membership had been called.

Dr. E. L. Sells, missionary from Southern Rhodesia spoke at the evening service February 26, 1956 and showed films of his work.

During March of 1956 Rev. Garst held a week of evangelistic meeting. Rev. Garst brought challenging messages each evening. In one evening service all persons who had been Christians for 50 years or more were honored. Twenty-nine persons were presented badges. Dr. A. N. Gray as made an honorary steward.

The University of Christian Faith was a series of topics studied during the month of April, 1956. The classes were on Faith, Heritage, Organization, and Duty taught by Rev. Garst, Marvin Hess, Frank Stickler and Mrs Allen Vick. The last session was a question and answer service on Methodist Christian Beliefs.

Rural Life Sunday, May 6, 1956, Rev. Garst held a dedication of Seed, Soil, and Sowers. Seed and Soil was presented at the altar by farmers. There was a dedication of all by the pastor and a commitment by the people acknowledging their responsibility to plant the seed with reverence and cultivate the soil with care.

May 6, 1956 was also the day of our 24 hour prayer vigil. Beginning at midnight Saturday and continuing through to midnight Sunday there was someone at the altar without a break. There were 95 persons at the altar during the 24 hour period. This Prayer Vigil

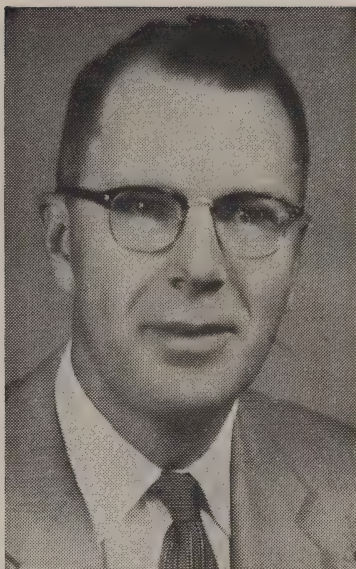
was organized to be continuous through the year 1956.

The Centennial Committee met for the first time on July 8, 1956 to begin plans for the centennial of the Methodist Church in Burlington. The committee is Oscar Zscheile, Mrs. A. N. Gray, Mrs. Grace Woods, Floyd Ecord, Park Shepp, Mrs. Rose Mary Williams, Mrs. W. L. Shaffer and Viola Powers.

Early in September Rev. Garst, who had not been well all summer, entered Stormont-Vail hospital in Topeka for examination and observation. The result was a major operation from which he apparently recovered. The last of October he entered Barnes hospital in St. Louis and underwent another very serious operation from which he never recovered, altho for a time it was thought he might make recovery. On the evening of November 3, 1956 word was received that he had passed away, and thus another most consecrated and brilliant minister was called to his reward. But those who knew him best, do not think his work is finished, but that the good from his dedicated life will go on and on.

1957, Wylie Lathan.

January 6, 1957 was Burlington's first introduction to Rev. A. Wylie Lathan from the pulpit, and they felt most fortunate that Bishop Dawson and the Dist. Supt. Rev. Harry O. Ritter could find another young man for Burlington and he and his wife and five children were made most welcome. Rev. Lathan had attended Junior College at Dodge City, before he entered the Navy. His overseas duty was in the



South Pacific. He received his A. B. degree from Chapman College in Los Angeles, Calif. Entering Iliff School of Theology at Denver in 1951, received his Th. M. degree in 1954. He came to Burlington from Sublette in western Kansas. On learning of his appointment here by Bishop Dawson he said: "We are extremely happy about the appointment to your church. We feel that Bishop Dawson has given us a great challenge in sending us to Burlington. I know that I can only minister to your needs with the ever-present help of God and the added assistance of everyone in the congregation. I shall do all in my power to meet the great challenge which has been handed to me by all of your folk."

Rev. and Mrs. Lathan's children are John aged 11, Bill 10, Jim 6, Steve 9 months and Debra Ann 2.

Rev. Lathan has been extreme-

ly busy. With five months of the year gone, and supply pastors, some activities had been moving along nicely but many had been neglected.

On February 25-27, the first Kansas Conference Convocation was held at 1st Church in Topeka. In March a membership training class was started, for training the children who were to join the church. A committee for the Centennial to begin July 5th and continue through July 7th had been appointed. They began more definite plans.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference was held March 31st, beginning with a covered dish dinner. This is Rev. Ritter's last year as District Supt., he having served six years.

The church used the Lenten Self-Denial folders. This money to be used on the Advance Specials.

Rev. Lathan mails a church paper each month called "Stained Glass". In addition to announcing coming events it contains many nuggets of gold.

A week of Evangelistic services before Easter conducted by Dr. J. Lester McGee were interesting and spiritually helpful.

There were Sunday Eve, Tuesday Cantata, Thursday Communion, and Good Friday Union services and Easter Sunday morning at 6:30 at Kelley Park also Union Service.

On April 28, a young man from Greece, Mr Spyors Foundopoulis, who is attending Baker University was guest speaker.

H. A. Smith who was 100 years old Tuesday March 30, was con-

gratulated and given a potted plant.

Rev. Lathan is the forty-third pastor for the Burlington church. Two morning services are being held during the summer months.

Mother's Day the oldest, Mrs Lanie Hamman, 87 years, the youngest, Mrs Don Jones and Mrs Harve Criqui Sr., having the most living children, 8. All received carnation corsages.

At the 10:30 service May 19, 1957 officers of the Women's Society of Christian Service were installed by the pastor in a very impressive service. The same date Rev. Lathan preached an inspiring Baccalaureate sermon to the High School Seniors.

Woman's Society of Christian Service

After the unification of the three Methodist Churches in 1939, women from each church met to formulate plans to unite the Aid Society and the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. The Woman's Society of Christian Service was the result.

The local organization took place at the church Sept. 8, 1940. The following is the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; To unite all women of the church in Christian living and service; to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; to develop the spiritual life; to study the needs of the world; to take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic, community, and world conditions. To this end this organization shall seek to

enlist women, young people, and children in this Christian fellowship, and to secure funds for the activities in the local church and support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a world Christian community.

There were more than forty charter members. The following were the first officers. President, Mrs Harry O. Ritter; Vice President, Mrs A. N. Gray; Corresponding Secretary, (which is now Promotion Secretary) Mrs R. H. Olinger; Recording Secretary, Mrs Ray S. Pierson; Treasurer, Mrs T. B. Kiger; Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs N. I. Nesbitt; Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs L. J. Pilcher and Mrs Frank Hudson; Secretary of Literature, Mrs H. E. Wilson; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs Wm. Scott. There were soon four more Secretaries added, namely, Status of Women, Children's work, Youth work and Student work. All officers may hold four years except the Treasurer who may hold eight. The Presidents, through the years, in addition to the first one, have been Mesdames H. C. Frederick, 2 yrs., Teryl Lawrence, 2 yrs., John Stockebrand, 2 yrs., A. B. Caldwell, 2 yrs., Ray Pierson, 1 yr., Howard Hill, 3 yrs., Frank Harvey, 2 yrs., and Clarence Sou-pene, President elect.

One regular meeting a month is held on the third Wednesday, June, July and August the meetings begin with a breakfast followed by business and program. The programs and study classes

are for information and inspiration for all ages. There is an opportunity to learn about all nationalities, at home and abroad. There are many Jurisdiction cards giving recognition for study classes.

The women are divided into twelve groups, each group to serve the Rotary dinners of their month.

The student secretary plans, with the help of others, a dinner each year for all high school graduates, affiliated with the Methodist Church. Their hopes for the future are discussed.

June 15, 1949 Mrs Caldwell planned for a sewing circle (since called the Dorcas Circle) to meet, the second Wednesday of each month with a sack lunch, to quilt or make articles for the Bazaar which is held each year in November or December at the time of the annual turkey dinner. There has been an average of eight quilts a year quilted in addition to afghans, teatowels, etc, that have been made. Some money from the quilts has been used for equipment for a tea-table, namely a tea set, lace table cover, flower and candle holders for a center piece.

Burlington has entertained members of the organization from all surrounding places. Have had three Division officers here at different times and many missionaries. Help the Intermediates and Seniors each summer for their adventure camps and School of Missions at Kansas City and Institute at Baldwin. Sent Janice Nangle on the caravan for youth in 1956 and Virginia Ryan will be priviledg-

ed to go in 1957. This is an educational tour where they visit many Mission stations, and learn first hand about the work of the W.S.C.S. All Presidents have received past President pins and twenty members have been given life membership pins.

To conform with conference suggestions, Burlington held a Sacrificial lunch and meditation service March 21, 1956. Plan for this to be an annual affair.

The District and Conference have each had officers from this local organization. Mrs T. B. Kiger was Conference Supply Secretary for three years. Mrs Frank Stickler is serving her fourth year as District Missionary Education Secretary. Mrs A. N. Gray served as District President for four and one half years and District Missionary Education Secretary for the same length of time, having finished a year for the preceeding officer making another half year, and she did the same locally for Mrs Ritter when she became ill her second year. She was also privileged to represent Emporia at Columbus, Ohio, May 19-22, 1942 and in recognition of her District work was appointed on the Kansas Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes for four years.

Burlington is usually represented at all District, Sub-District and Conference meetings also the School of Missions at Baldwin and a few times the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah.

In December 1956, the Mary-Martha circle was organized for young mothers and working women, to meet in the evenings.

This was a project that Mrs Garst was instrumental in starting. Mr Dean Schowengerdt, an agricultural missionary and his wife, a neice of Mrs Mac Wiley have started a baby fold in Taejon, Korea. The Mary-Martha circle made 42 garments and with towels, soap etc, they packed a valuable box to send to the center in 1956. Christmas 1955 the W.S.C.S., with help from others from the church, and childrens division, made twenty gowns and packed them with various articles for babies, sending a nice box to the same place. Every Christmas the W.S.C.S. sends a box of toys and games to the Childrens home at Newton.

Mrs G. R. Fitch has had the responsibility for several years of providing flowers for the Sunday morning service. Mrs E. G. Williams, until her death provided from the flower fund (instituted May 8th, 1923 by a deaconess Miss Kezia Hay) the Memorial flowers. Mrs Grace Woods is now responsible for this service.

The Wesleyan Service Guild was organized in January 1943, with sixteen members. The first President was Nellie Evans. These were business girls so their meetings were held in the evening. The first meeting was held at the Parsonage. There is no record of how long they continued but there is no organization at the present time.

Mrs H. C. Frederick was for 10 years Secretary of Childrens Work. She held additional sessions at her home on Saturday afternoons. They had many

worthwhile projects through the years.

Mrs Wm. Buckles (the present childrens Secretary) conducts a Childrens Church twice a month, following the childrens sermon at the morning service.

The W.S.C.S. is responsible for a nursery during the morning church service.

As always the churches unite for the World Day of Prayer and rotate as hostesses.

There have been two Revivals in Tabernacles in Burlington. In 1908 the Oliver Revival held in a large temporary tabernacle erected in Floral Park, that would seat 1800, was often filled to overflowing. All Protestant churches participated. French E. Oliver was a sort of a "Billy Sunday evangelist.

Between 500 and 600 made confession and most of them joined some church. A chorus of around 100 voices led the congregational singing which added much to the service. A few years later, we do not have the exact date, probably in 1919, the Roses conducted a like revival.

Dedication of Garst Memorial Hall

The dedication service for Garst Memorial Hall was held on Sunday November 18, 1956. Garst Memorial Hall is a masonry building 44 x 100 feet. The upstairs has 13 Sunday School class rooms, and the basement has a large banquet hall, a modern and fully equipped kitchen, rest rooms, and a furnace room. The building was erected at a cost of \$43,000, and additional finish

work and equipment would bring the total cost to approximately \$50,000.

The church was filled for the morning service to hear Bishop Dana Dawson preach his sermon "If I Had Only One Sermon To Preach," which was inspiring. On the platform with Bishop Dawson was Dr. H. O. Ritter, Dist. Supt. of Emporia Dist. and Dr. Paul W. Burres of Kansas City, who was the pastor when the project was started in 1947. Both had part in the service.

The act of presentation of the building was made by Beal Brownfield, chairman of the Building Committee and the Dedication by Bishop Dana Dawson.

About 300 persons, following the morning service, assembled in the Hall for a covered dish dinner. The tables were beautifully decorated, using a harvest theme.

Oscar Zscheile, lay leader, was in charge of the after-dinner program, and introduced the speakers. Beal Brownfield, chairman of the building committee was the first speaker. He introduced his committee composed of Mrs Howard Hill, W. L. Shaffer, Mrs Teryl Lawrence, Frank Stickler, Wm. A. Buckles, and Howard Birkbeck, and gave a report of building activities. He also told of Mr W. L. Shaffer's father giving his son the inspiration to present the lots to the church for a building location.

He reported that W. H. Nicholas was chairman of laying the tile upstairs, with 31 men helping, putting in 207 man hours: the painting was in charge of Mr

and Mrs Lester Keever who had 30 helpers who worked 140 hours: Melvin Cummings was in charge of the ceiling in fellowship hall, and had 34 men who worked 312 hours: Boyd Ferman was in charge of basement floor, and had 11 men who worked 40 hours: Frank Stickler had 14 men who worked 99 hours on one sidewalk and nine men worked 128 hours on another. John Stockebrand was the man-power chairman, getting help for the work.

Mrs Frank Harvey W.S.C.S. President, reported on the kitchen, which was finished and equipped by the W.S.C.S. with Mrs Beal Brownfield as chairman and having seven on her committee, and other women who worked between 400 and 500 hours.

Mrs C. L. Soupene and Mrs John Stockebrand were in charge of moving, and Miss Viola Powers was chairman of decorations for the dedication service.

Short talks were made by Bishop Dawson, Dr. Paul W. Burres, Dr. H. O. Ritter, and Rev. Joe Tempfer of the Christian Church.

Bishop Dawson spoke of how Gail and Elaine Garst stopped to see him a short time before Gail entered the hospital. They talked of many things, but there were many more he would like to have talked of but remarked, "that can wait".

All who have had any part, large or small, in the building of the Garst Memorial Hall felt a sense of pride and gratification, the day of dedication. They felt it was a job well done and was

ready to accept the challenge to build a sanctuary comparable to the educational building.

Gifts

Through the years the Burlington Methodist Church has been the recipient of many valuable gifts. The first being the ground for the first church building at the corner of second and Hudson by Mr J. H. White, the father of Clarence White and Wayne White.

From a book of minutes of the Trustees, the following: \$500.00 from Miss Jennie Grant. \$100.00 was used for Methodist Hymnals and \$400.00 applied on the pipe organ. Mr Joe Miller left a fund (the income to be divided between the Burlington Cemetery Board and the church. June 28, 1945-\$200.00 was placed with the cemetery board (the interest from which to become a permanent fund for the upkeep of the Miller lot.) The remaining \$200.00 to be invested in bonds. The interest of said bonds to be used as payment toward the church budget or for incidental expenses.

Mr George W. Barber gave \$3,500.00. The interest from \$1500.00 to be divided equally between the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies (is now given to the Womans Society of Christian Service, since the unification) and the interest from the \$2000.00 to be used as the trustees saw fit. They voted on July 19, 1936 to use this interest for premium of insurance on the church building.

Mr H. A. Smith invested \$200.00 in bonds, the interest to be given

to the What-so-ever Class. It is used to express sympathy and cheer by cards to members and friends who are ill or in sorrow.

Mrs Joe Rolston left a bond of \$200.00, the interest to be used on the candy fund for children at Christmas time.

Mrs George Hoover left \$500.00 to the church. This as of 1957 has been combined with other accumulated funds and the Miller fund to make a \$1600.00 bond. The interest to be applied on the general finances.

Mr and Mrs Harold Hoegland presented the church with 100 copies of Best Loved Hymns.

Mrs M. R. Wilson gave the High School Class a number of Youth Hymnal Song Books.

There are some Memorial funds that are ear-marked for the Sanctuary to be built later.

Mrs Sue Kesler in memory of her parents, Mr and Mrs N. I. Nesbitt, Miss Josie Frazier in memory of her mother, Mrs J. D. Frazier, Mrs Minnie Norris and her son Dwight in memory of husband and father G. R. Norris, M.D. Two memorials that were started at the time of the funerals, for Rev. Gail Garst and A. N. Gray, M. D. The total of the above is a \$2000.00 bond. The last two memorials are still open.

The Educational Building was named "The Garst Memorial Hall". The W. S. C. S. gave \$2-000.00 on the cost of the Hall which was \$45,971. In addition the building committee paid \$2-843.14 on equipment and the W. S. C. S. \$1827.00. An estimated 1675 hours of service in labor was given.

The ground for the building

and for the sanctuary to be built later, furnace and installation, material for sidewalks and \$50.00 cash for kitchen equipment was given by Mr and Mrs W. L. Shaffer.

The Aid Society

Few records are available about the Aid Society, but it is safe to say that wherever there was a Methodist church there was an Aid Society and Burlington was in line with the others as some Official Board Records from 1900 to 1909 frequently made a motion that something would be done but it would be necessary to ask the Ladies Aid how much they would contribute.

With the exception of the Rotary dinners there were as many large dinners served as now. Junior-Senior, Mother-Daughter Banquets, Epworth League meetings with 150 for a banquet, lodging and breakfast, lunch, Commercial Club annuals and numerous others. Many can tell of being chairman. Mr Redmond entertained his correspondents and their families annually. There was always a big dinner and bazaar near Christmas. Sometimes these were held near the center of the shopping center in a vacant building and often were for two days.

Live Wire Class

The Live Wire Class was organized in January of 1923. Mrs DeWeese helped to organize the class but there is no record of the officers at that time. The first project of the class was a food sale at Cowgill's drug store on February 10, 1923. The teach-

ers during the years are Josephine Frazier, Mrs Gray, Mrs Dean, Mrs Long, Mrs George Robe, Mrs Paul Burres, Mrs T. T. Kelly and the present teacher is Mrs Sophia Kempton with Mrs Frank Stickler substitute. The Class has been active thru the years with a good attendance on Sunday morning and a special meeting once a month. The Live Wire Class gave four hundred dollars for the new building and recently purchased a new piano to be used in Garst Hall. The officers are president, Mrs H. E. Wilson, vice president, Mrs Ernest Mason, secretary, Mrs Jules Martin, treasurer Mrs Floyd S. Ecord.

Whatsoever Class

The Whatsoever Class was organized in 1920. The organization meeting was called by the pastor's wife, Mrs Clyde Odom and Mrs A. N. Gray. The Business Men's Bible Class had been organized and announced that they were going to organize the women, but the women decided they were capable of organizing themselves. Mrs Charles Parmely was the first president and Mrs Clyde Odom the first teacher. No record has been found of the first ten years activities, altho it is known that the class had a membership of more than 60 and that the regular monthly social meetings were held. In 1932 the class chose the Home for the Aged at Topeka as its special project and for a period of ten years a barrel of canned fruit was prepared and sent to the Home. It seemed more advisable by that time to send the cash and for another ten years the Class sent \$60.00

annually to the Home. Different methods of raising the money were used; serving at public sales, galloping teas, a mystery basket, 1c an inch for waist measure, birthday dollars, etc., thereby making the project enjoyable as well as profitable.

In March 1943, the Class began a 15-minute Prayer Service in the Class room, preceeding the S. S. hour with two leaders for each month. This was continued for several years then combined with the regular class period as it is at the present time.

During the years since the organization the monthly social meeting has been a regular feature, consisting of a devotion service, business, program and social period. Often as many as 100 calls on the sick and shut-ins are reported.

In 1943 Mrs Cora Cummins, a member of the class presented the flag, given her at the time of her husband's death, to the church and Mrs N. I. Nesbitt presented a Christian Flag. Each of these flags were placed in the Sanctuary. A Home Department for members not able to attend the class was organized in 1944. A number of these remain and are provided with quarterlies and called upon regularly. In the class records was found a note of appreciation sent to the family of Judge J. L. Senior at the time of his death. He had been teaching the class for two years. Other teachers include Mrs Clyde Odom, Mrs I. B. Rhinehart, Mrs M. N. Lathrop, Mrs T. T. Kelly, Mrs L. F. Kempton, Mrs W. A. Starliper and Mrs T. B. Kiger who has been a much-loved teacher since 1934.

Altho this class is now sometimes called the "Old Ladies Class", our members are found to be active workers in the W. S. C. S., in the Study Classes and form the nucleus for the Bible Study and Prayer Circle and if at all possible in our place at the church services. We each one hope to close our life's span true to our motto, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." John 2-5.

After the death of Mrs H. A. Smith, who had been a faithful member of the Whatsoever Class, Mr Smith presented the class with a \$200.00 goverment bond, as a memorial to Mrs Smith. The interest from this bond is used by the class to send cards to the sick and shut-ins of the church.

Business Men's Class

The Business Men's Bible Class of the Methodist church was organized in 1918 during Rev. Clyde W. Odom's pastorate. The Charter was dated July 7, 1918.

For many years the class was very active, holding monthly social meetings and entertaining various groups.

One of the very interesting and profitable services given was the entertaining of the athletic teams with a dinner each year. One such dinner was a goose dinner held in December, 1932, when the class entertained, not only the athletic teams but also the Boy Scouts of the church. Twelve geese with vegetables and dessert were served. More than a hundred men were present in addition to 37 members of the team and Boy Scouts.

Rev. E. E. Beauchamp was the pastor, H. C. Mahon was presi-

dent of the class and John Redmond was the teacher at this time.

At one time the class held a contest with Gridley and LeRoy. At this time, the class grew to such proportions that there was not room for all to meet in the church, and they moved to the court room at Courthouse for the class sessions. John Redmond was the teacher.

During the pastorate of Rev. Paul W. Burres, the class, at its annual meeting, appointed a committee of five to consider the organization of a Methodist Men's Brotherhood. The committee was John Redmond, chairman, Rev. Paul W. Burres, Rev. Paul J. Vielguth, teacher, R. C. Fearl, president and W. A. Woods.

The class has had many worthwhile projects to its credit, and is still functioning.

Fidelis- Young Adults -Pathfinder

The Fidelis Sunday School Class was organized in 1944 under the pastorate of Rev. W. R. McCormick.

It was organized for young women, whose husbands were in the service. Charter members were: Mrs Gertrude Zscheile, Mrs Zelma Zscheile, Mrs Neil Ferman, Mrs Elaine Hart, Mrs Martin Griggs, Mrs Ralph Sargeant, Mrs Wilma Thomas, and Mrs Betty Sloop.

In March, 1945 under the pastorate of Rev. Paul W. Burres the class was reorganized to include the husbands and young men and women and the name was changed to Young Adults. Betty Kempton Sloop was the

first teacher, the president: Mrs Elaine Hart, vice president, Ellen Malik, secretary - treasurer, Mrs Marjorie Vogler. The class was organized by Mrs Elaine Hart and Mrs Betty Sloop.

In 1955 under the pastorate of Rev. Gail Garst, the name was again changed to Pathfinder. The teacher is J. Mac Wiley.

This class has been active in many good works. Giving untiringly of their time to paint the basement and class rooms of the basement, made portable blackboards, sanded the floor of the Whatsoever room, and various other tasks necessary around the church. During the time of the completion of Garst Memorial Hall, they gave many man hours of labor and supervision to the finishing of the building.

Faithful Class

The Faithful Class received their charter in January 18, 1923. This was a class of older women taught, for many years, by Mrs Mary A. Jackson. Mrs Susan Mattox followed Mrs Jackson as teacher. The only living members of this class are Mrs Susan Mattox, Mrs Lannie Hamman and Mrs L. M. Grimsley.

Mrs Mattox was also chairman of the Home Department.

Comrade Class

The Comrade Class was a class of young men taught by Dr. A. N. Gray.

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts were organized on March 18, 1916. Ora Moseley was their first leader. In a month

they had secured twenty four members.

In July 1932, the Scouts went to camp at Edwardsville, a beautiful ridge overlooking the Kaw Valley. From a tall tree the sky line of Kansas City could be seen. The boys attending from Burlington were: Edward Beauchamp, Albert Gray, Warren Woods, Calvin Jones, Marlin Glen, James Harris, and Milton Dilts, all from our Sunday school. The scout masters were Rev. Beauchamp, Rev Barley and Bob Solsby. The boys made good records for themselves and enjoyed an especially helpful and interesting week of outing.

Woman's Home Missionary

The Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized on October 17, 1919 with eleven charter members: Misses Kezia Hay, Fanny McGahey, Susan McGahey, Ava Van Natta, Theresa Wharton, Belle Allen, Mesdames C. W. Odom, D. O. Gifford, G. R. Fitch, Seth Sylvester and Ruby Hahn. The first president was Miss Kezia Hay.

The women of the Home Missionary Society sponsored a Pentacostal Retreat before the regular monthly meeting February 16, 1930. This was a service of prayer, service and meditation for all women who felt the need of a deeper spiritual experience. The Retreat was at the home of Mrs A. N. Gray.

In May of 1932 the W. H. M. S. sponsored an egg shower for the Kansas City National Training School for Deaconesses and other Christian workers. This contribution of several cases of eggs

meant much to the people of the school.

In 1922 the W. H. M. S. put out 44 mite boxes which when opened netted \$70.73. The pledges netted \$75.00

Woman's Foreign Missionary

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church of Burlington was organized in 1881.

Mrs Letitia Cramer was the much loved president for 25 years.

A memorial membership of \$50.00 was raised in memory of Mrs Cramer. The income from these memorial gifts is used for the support of retired missionaries.

Mrs M. M. Kiger was the treasurer for 17 years, and spent much time collecting dues from the members. Mrs Kiger visited the homes, driving her horse to the buggy and collecting the money, many times only a nickle at a time.

For many years the W. F. M. S. held a Christmas tree in July, the gifts from which were sent to some missionary on the field, for the Christmas of the children.

Since 1929 Mrs A. N. Gray has paid for the support of a Bible woman in India. For ten years from 1929 to 1939 Mrs Gray received many letters from these Bible women, who were helped by her contribution.

Every year the W. F. M. S. held a Thank Offering at which time every one had an opportunity to give an offering for Missions. The money so collected went directly to the support of missionaries, on the field, working in schools, or-

phanages, hospitals and as evangelists in the homes among women and girls. 96% of this money reached the field.

During the presidency of Mrs N. I. Nesbitt in 1932, the society patiently built its "Altar of Sacrifice". The Altar of Sacrifice consisted of a number of objectives to be met by service and gifts. Some of the objectives were: attendance at regular meeting once a month; at least one new member at each meeting; observation of Founder's Day; a silver offering.

In September 1931, Mrs A. N. Gray, who had always been active in the work of the W. F. M. S. was elected vice-president and extension secretary of the district W. F. M. S. at the district convention at Madison.

In 1932 the local society of W. F. M. S. sent a quilt to Miss Richmond, a missionary to India.

On March 23, 1895 the W. F. M. S. of Burlington celebrated the 25th (or silver) anniversary of the mother society.

Epworth League

The Epworth League was organized April 7, 1897. The Epworth League was always a very active organization of the church.

For many years the Epworth League entertained all the old people (all over 60 years) to a dinner and a day of entertainment. The members of the League were responsible for the transportation, dinner and entertainment of the old people of the church.

In June of 1931 the local Epworth League sent fourteen dele-

gates to the Emporia District E. L. convention at Ottawa. They came home with a beautiful silver cup which was awarded them for making the best record for all-round efficiency in League work. The cup was displayed at the evening church service. This was during the pastorate of Rev. E. E. Beauchamp.

In July 1932 an Epworth League Rally was held at Burlington. Present at this rally was John O. Hovgard, a former parsonage boy, and at that time pastor of Americus and president of District E. L. The evening was rainy and many delegations were not able to be present, but three leagues were represented and these with the Burlington members made a total of more than fifty present.

Methodist Men's Brotherhood

In the year 1950, Rev. Burres's pastorate, the Business Men's Bible Class decided to organize a Methodist Men's Brotherhood in the local church. The officers elected were: president, Frank Stickler; vice-president, Charles Foster; secretary-treasurer, Jim Myers. At the May meeting the charter was presented, to the new unit, by C. A. Wisler, District Lay Leader. W. M. Richards spoke to the men on the importance of putting the church first.

The Brotherhood has had some quite outstanding programs. On one occasion they invited Dr. G. W. Banks to speak to them about the United Nations after his trip there. The ladies were invited to this meeting as well as to a meeting at which Rev. Joe Temper told, with charts, the growth

and development of the Christian church from time of its organization.

The members of the Brotherhood, for a year or more, sent some of their members to speak, every other Sunday, at the Bethel church.

Church School

No records have been found showing the date of the organization of a Sunday School but we feel safe in saying that Burlington church has held Sunday School for the most of the 100 year period.

In the early years all classes met in one room but in separate groups. After moving to the present site the Children's classes met in the basement. According to one notation "November, 1919 the Junior Department met for the first time (to hold opening exercises) in the basement with Mrs E. W. Barker as Junior superintendent.

The Cradle Roll has long been a vital part of the Sunday School altho not meeting in regular session. There was a Cradle Roll superintendent who enrolled all Methodist babies.

In 1947 a regular session was started for the little ones, by Bessie Mattox Hoskins. Many children, one to four years, were taught simple Bible Stories by means of a flannelgraph. Also games and how to play with other children. Bessie continued in this worth while work for ten years.

During this time picnics, contests of various kinds, camping trips for boys and ball teams helped to keep up the interest

and attendance. At present departments, each using teaching material as prescribed for that particular age group are as follows: Cradle Roll, age 1 to 4. Kindergarten, 4 to 6. Primary, 6 to 9. Junior, 9 to 12. Intermediate, 12 to 14. High School, 14 to college age. Adult Department includes all of those older. Each of the first four departments have a superintendent and teachers for each grade working together under a superintendent of Children's work. This superintendent in turn works with the pastor and general superintendent. Teachers meetings are held in which the problems of the different departments are worked out. There is also a Board of Education, members of which are elected by the Quarterly Conference who work with the pastor and superintendents in the plans for the entire church school.

It has been the custom to present a Bible to each child when he is promoted from the Primary Department. A system of attendance awards has been in operation for a number of years. A nice pin is given for one years perfect attendance and each succeeding year a new disc is inserted in the pin showing the record of years attendance. Karen Sue Kelly is at present working to-

ward her 10th year which is the highest number so far but many have their 4th and 5th year disc.

Regular calls are made on sick and shut-in members who are also provided with quarterlies, Upper Room and Classmate.

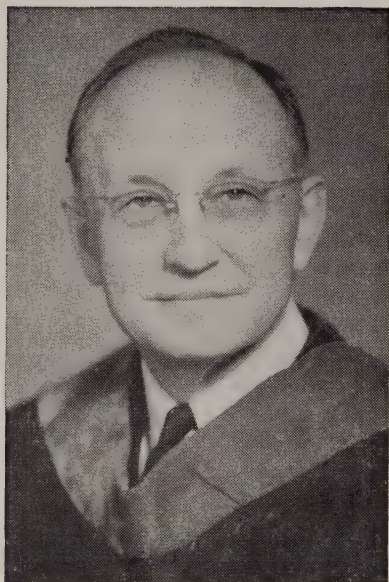
Vacation Bible School with a capable corp of teachers is held for two weeks each year, following the close of the public school. The regular V. B. S. program is followed and a large number of children take advantage of this special training.

Every member of the S. S. had an opportunity of sharing with his class in a special pledge made and paid toward the building of Garst Memorial Hall.

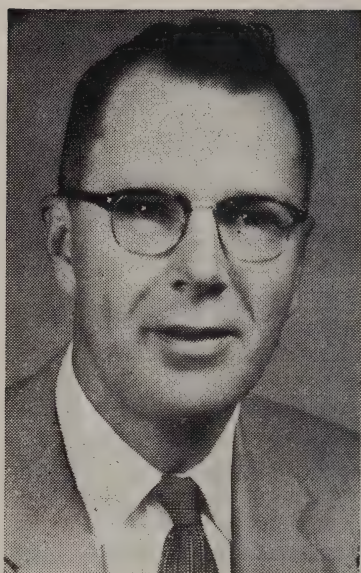
Moving into Garst Memorial Hall all classes are enjoying the added space and better opportunities for study and growth.

There have been many consecrated teachers and officers who have given years of service, paid only in satisfaction of having helped to guide others in receiving a religious training that would help them in making a definite decision for Christ and a membership in His Church.

We cannot name them all here but we give honor and thanks to each and every one.



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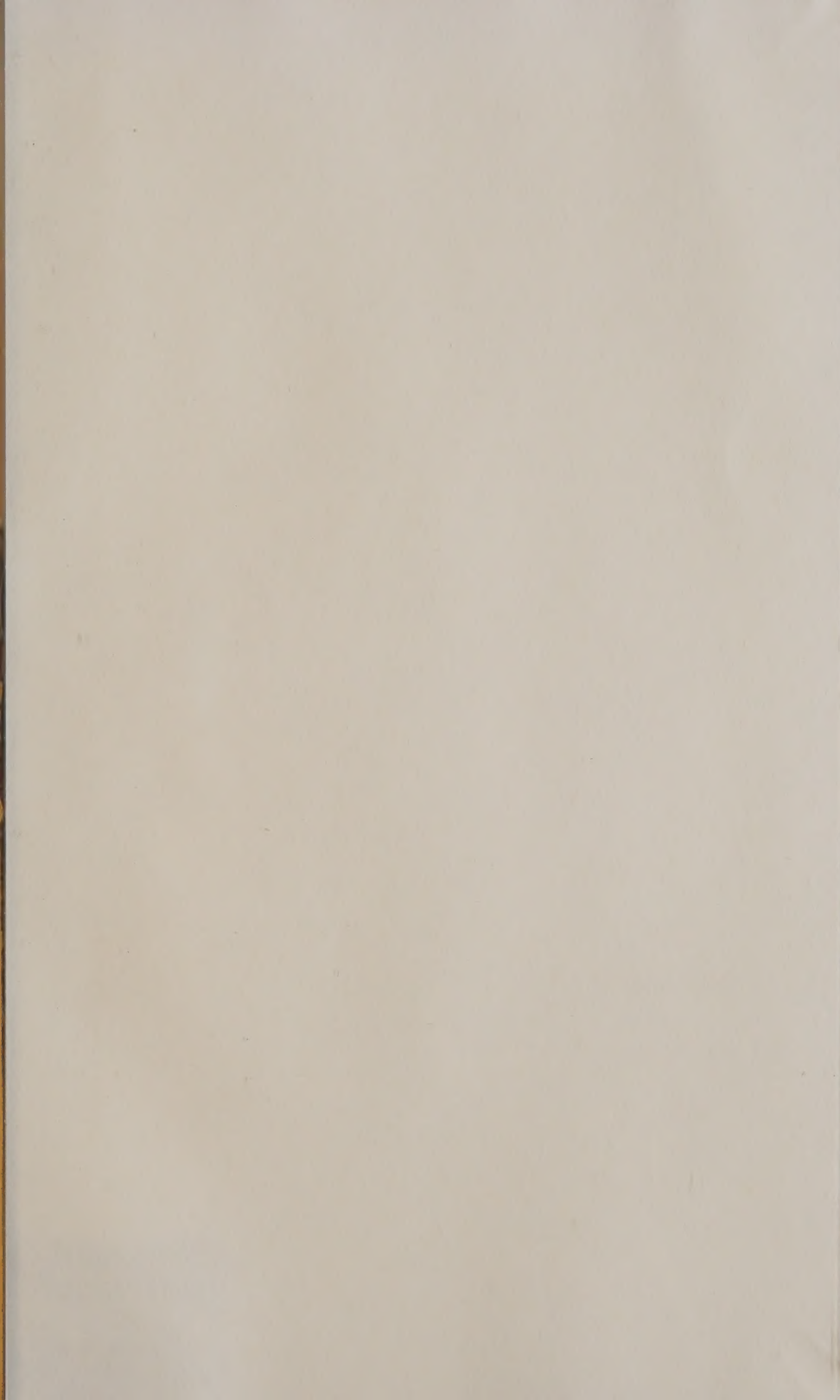
Dedication

To the Christian men and women, who contributed so much to develop this church and the Christian Way of Life during the Church's one hundred year history, this book is affectionately dedicated.

Appreciation

To all who helped in so many ways to make this history of our church possible, the History Committee expresses its sincere appreciation.





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